神童

Shindo

Volume 2

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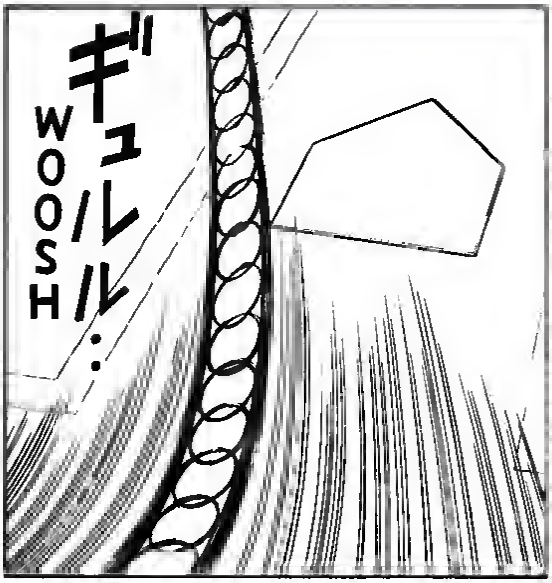
Chapter 12 The Spike Song

IN 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
BEARS 0 0 0 0 0 4 0
EAGLES 0 0 3 0 0 0
Don't worry, Coach.
WIPE
WIPE
WIPE
My Eagles are losing...
We're losing...
We're counting on you, Marume!
Pinch hitter, Marume!
Leave it to me.

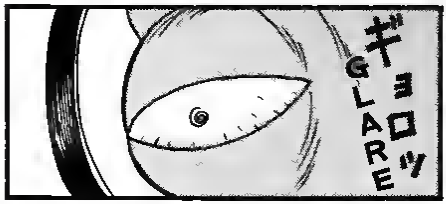
What's with that smug look on his face?
The sub-captain finally appears.
Uta's breaking ball's got a killer curve to it!
Doesn't look good.
The weather's acting up, too.
What? Having this much rain's better...

B-
Ball!
Huh?!
Omf.
ズバン
WHOMP
ニヤッ
HEH
B
That was a close ball! Even the empire got lost for a second!
ギラ
GLARE
Eat this!
ぎゅわん
WOOSH
That son of a bitch!
B

Ball!
Ugh...


ギュルル・・・
WOOSH

No one can match my sharp eyesight.
Yer wastin' yer time throwin' those balls.

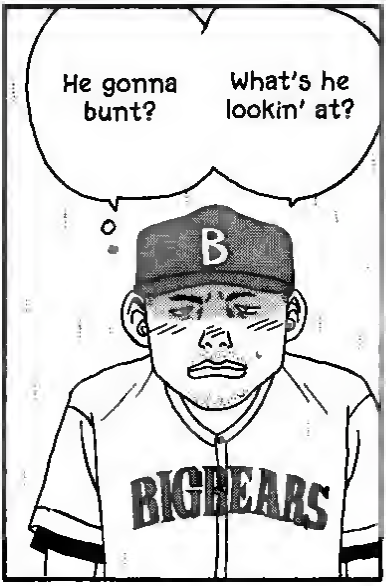

ギョロッ
GLARE

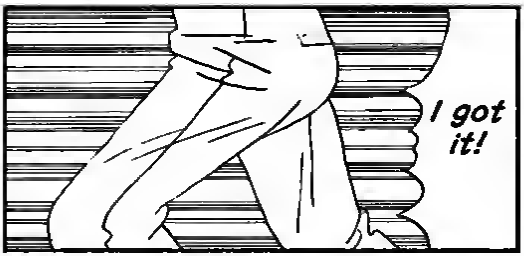
Y40 M30 C20 B30
ピピッ
BEEP

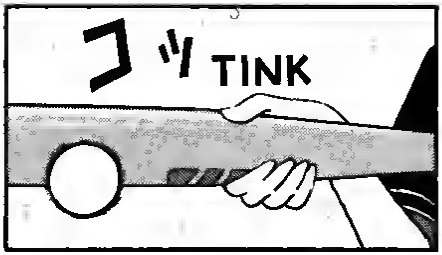
Y60 M40 C40 B70
ピッ ピッ
BEEP BEEP

10

Knew it!


He gonna bunt?
What's he lookin' at?
B
BIGBEARS

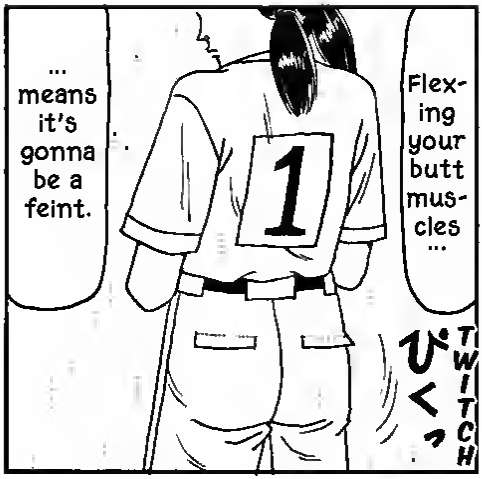

I got it!


コツ TINK

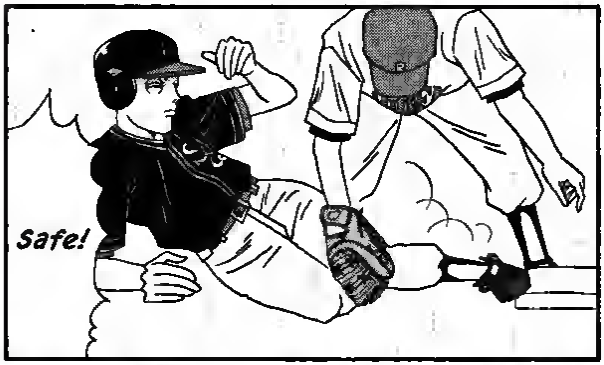
Th-The ball stopped!
SPIN
シュルル
SPIN

Urk.
B

Fast!
GRIP
If a ball is thrown in my strike zone, I can one hundred percent roll it to the spot I aimed for.
Heh heh... Judging from the subtle changes in the color of the damp soil, if I hit it to that spot, the ball'll stop rollin'.
...Uta Naruse.
All your habits have been completely inputted into my head...


... means it's gonna be a feint.
Flexing your butt muscles ...
TWITCH ぴくっ
1

Flexing your forearm flexor muscles means yer gonna throw a forkball.
TWITCH ぴく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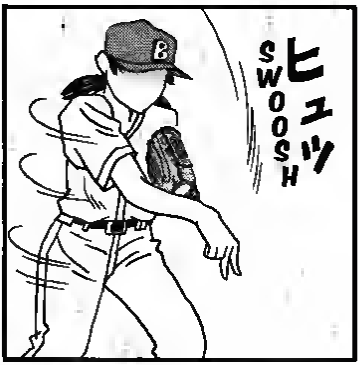
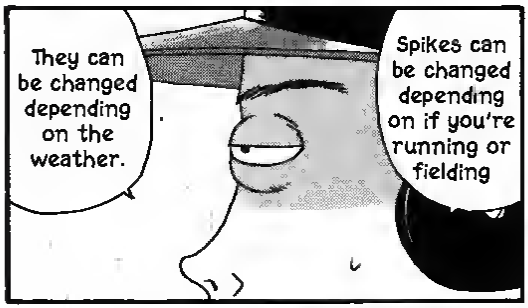

SWOOSH ヒュッ

He's running!

Lowering your elbows by three centimeters and taking a set position means it's gonna be a curveball.

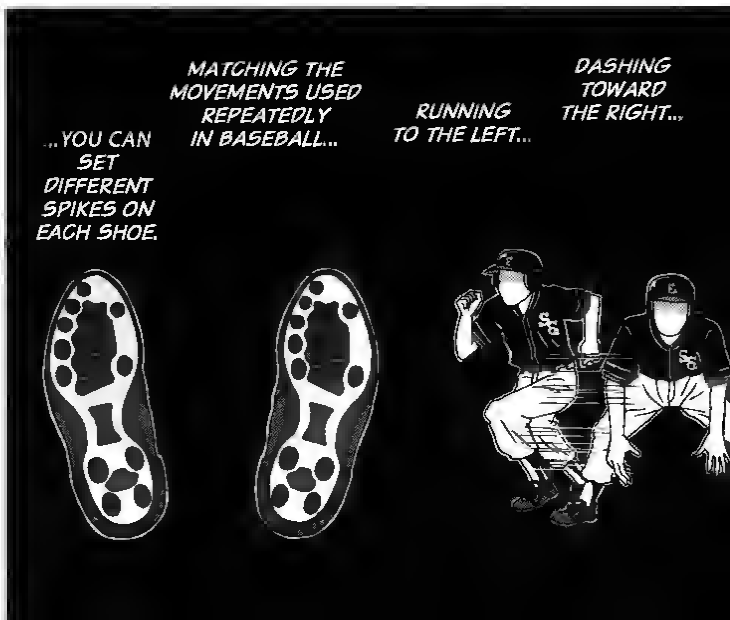
Running with no outs even with the bad ground conditions...

Dammit!

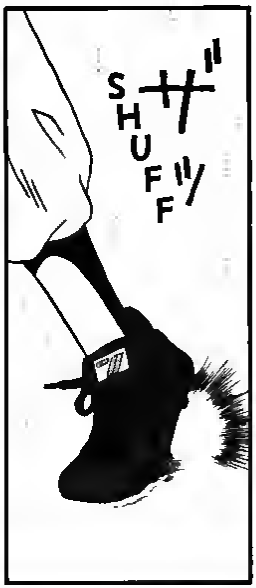

They can be changed depending on the weather.
Spikes can be changed depending on if you're running or fielding

I'm a pro when it comes to runnin'.
Heh heh.

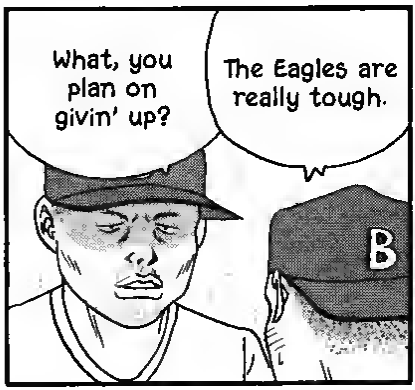
Different spikes on each shoe...


...YOU CAN SET DIFFERENT SPIKES ON EACH SHOE.
MATCHING THE MOVEMENTS USED REPEATEDLY IN BASEBALL...
RUNNING TO THE LEFT...
DASHING TOWARD THE RIGHT...

He's running again!

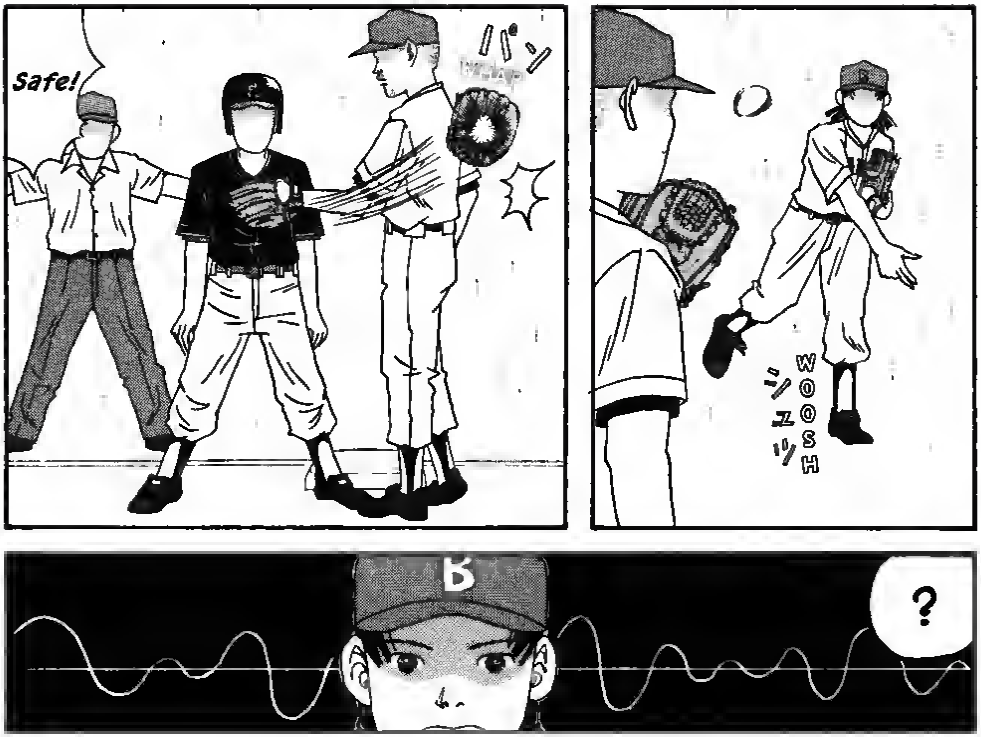

SHUFF!!

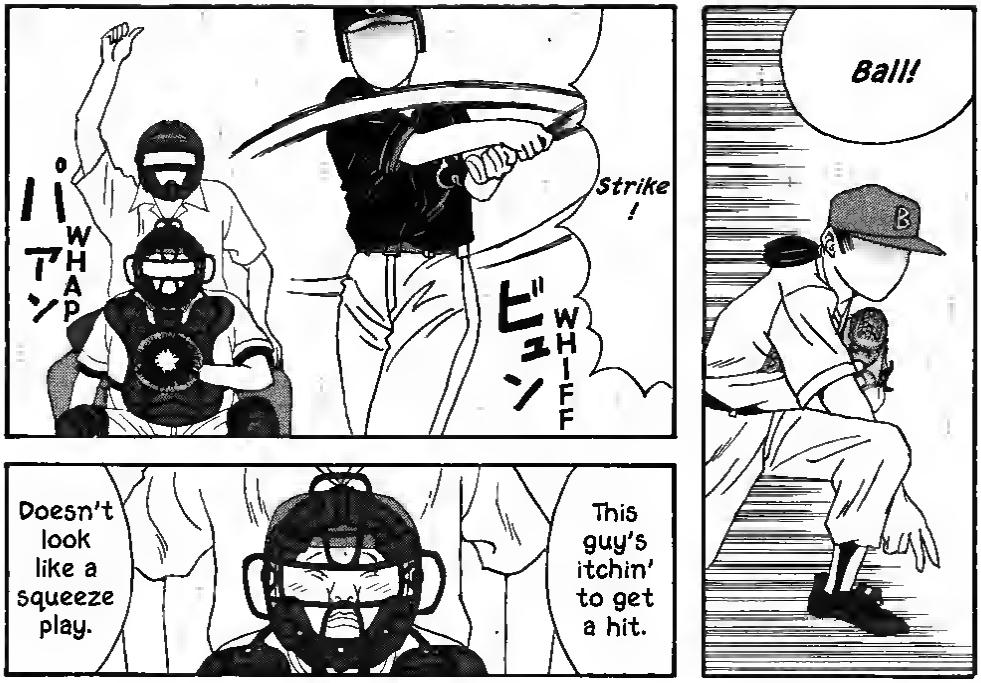
Better get ready for them to score a run.
Bases loaded, no outs, eh.


What, you plan on givin' up?
The Eagles are really tough.

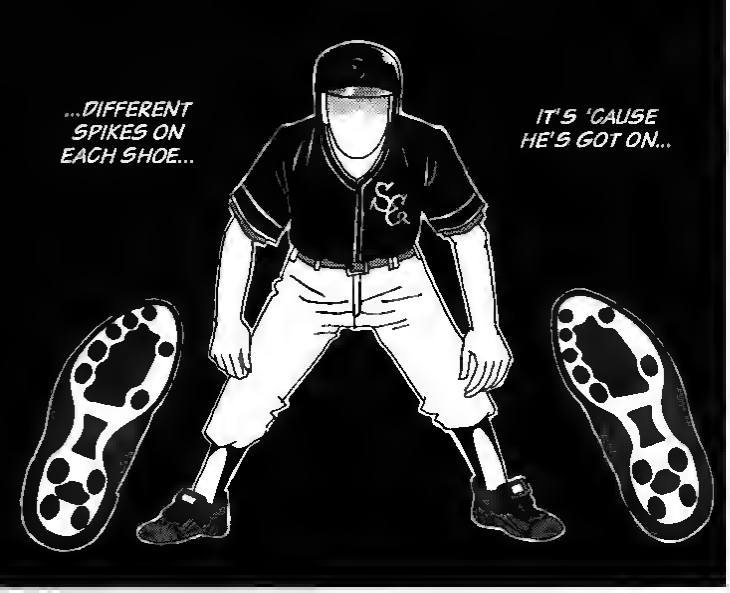
This batter's wide open!

I'll get it even if it nails me in the nads.
Don't let the forkball get past you.
Strike 'em out with everything you've got.
Watch out for a squeeze play.
Spread out!
Heh heh. Your habits are totally visible from this position.
Things are lookin' better and better for us.


Safe!
WOOSH
シュッ
?


WHAP
パーン
Strike!
WHIFF
ビュン
Ball!
Doesn't look like a squeeze play.
This guy's itchin' to get a hit.

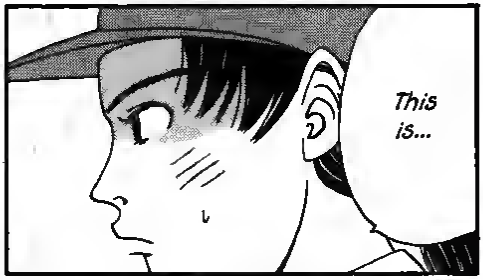
Strike!
ダァン
WOOSH
Ball!
スパァン
WHAP
Let's end this with a forkball, Uta!
Yes! We've got 'im set up!
サッサッ
SCUFF SCUFF
SCUFF す..
SCUFF す..
?


...DIFFERENT SPIKES ON EACH SHOE...
IT'S 'CAUSE HE'S GOT ON...

This sound...

...is now on his left...
The weight that he's been putting on his right foot...

Fatty ...
You better catch this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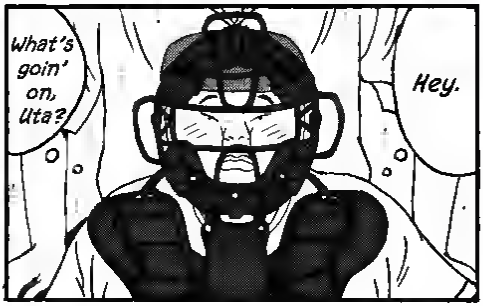
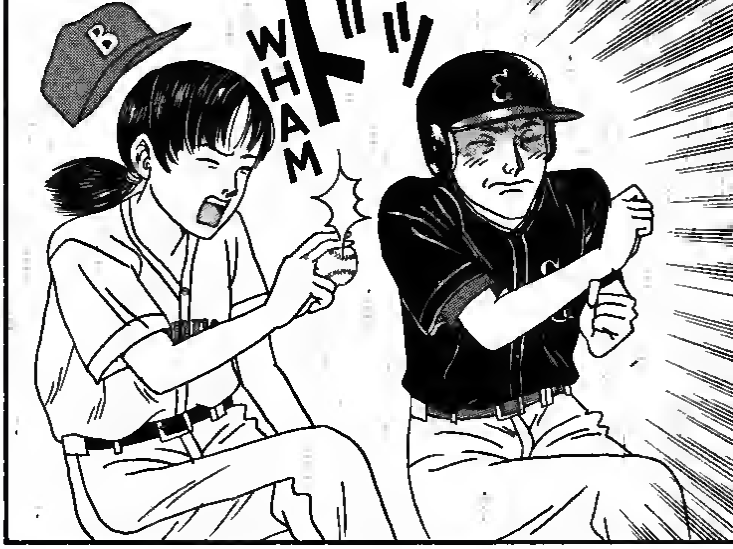

What's goin' on, Uta?
Hey.

Forkball!
10
DASH ダッ
He's running!
Huh?
すっ FWIP
It's a squeeze play!
スターン WHOMP

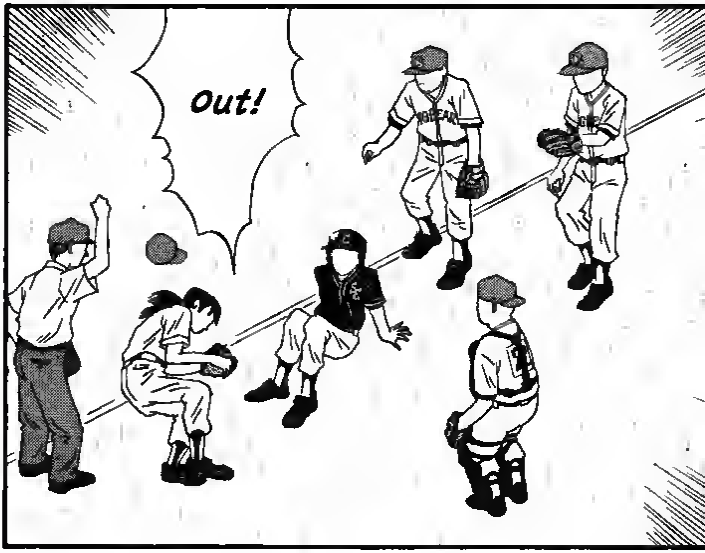
No way!
N-
SHUFF

I'm on it!
Uta!
Cover home plate!
We've got 'im sand-wiched!
C'mere, You!
Dam-mit!
Hold it!
DASH!!
...for the tag...!
Now...
OK!
Uta!

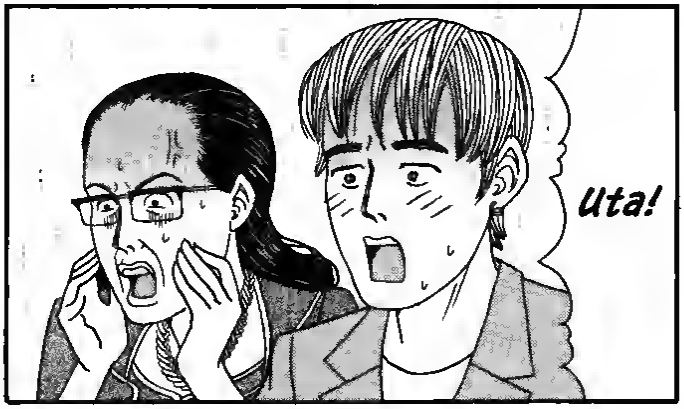
He did that on purpose!
Ah!


WHAM

My fingers...!


Out!

Heh heh. A strategist profits from his mistakes.


Uta!

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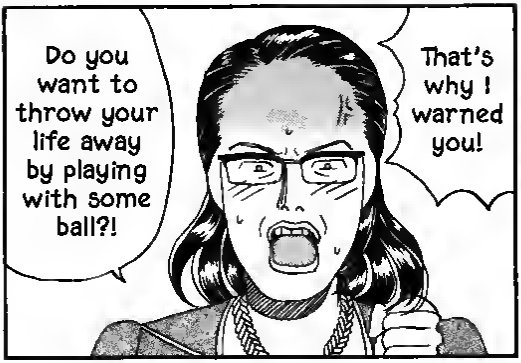
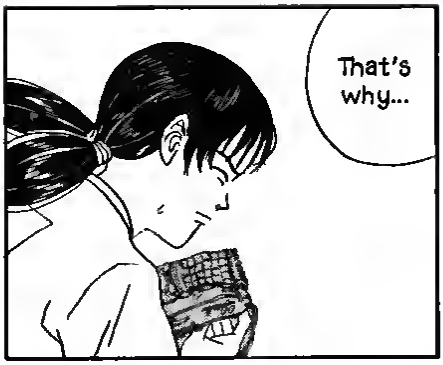
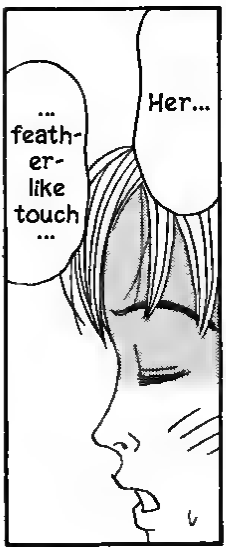
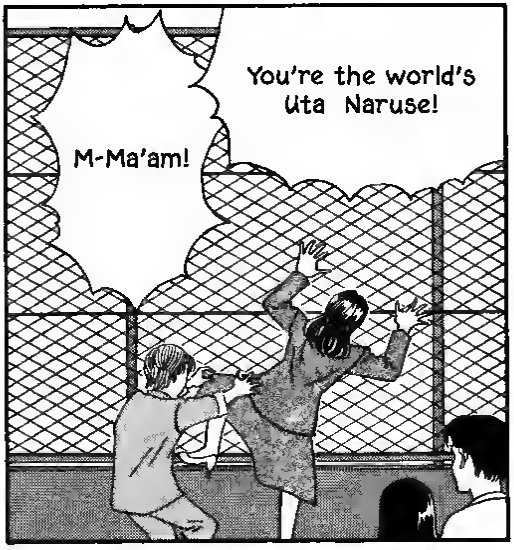
I said to stop!
Dam-mit!


Do you want to throw your life away by playing with some ball?!
That's why I warned you!


That's why...


Her...
...feather-like touch...

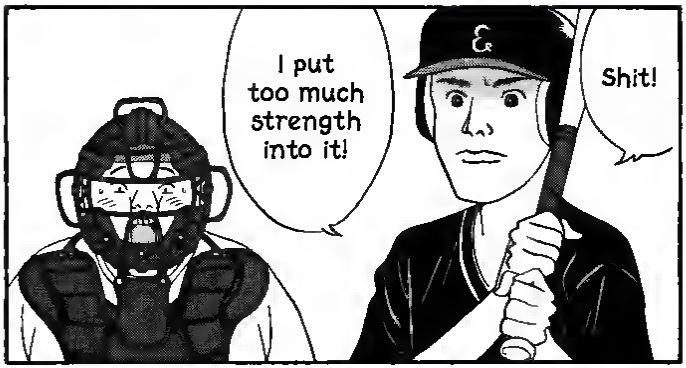
This is the road Uta chose for herself.

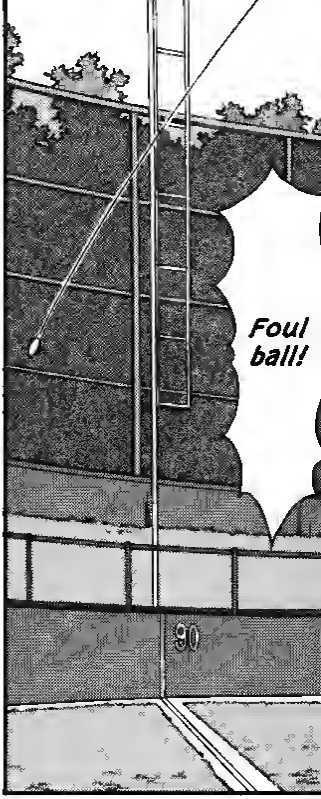

You're the world's Uta Naruse!
M-Ma'am!

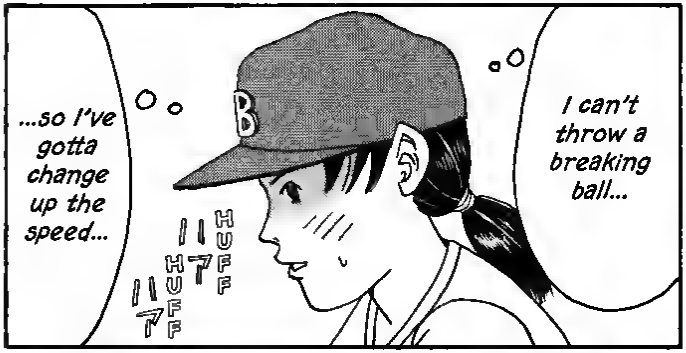
Her middle finger is sprained
How is it, Doctor ?
Hmm...
Pitching is impossible.
It's better not to strain it.
Uta's gonna pitch!
ワアッ
RAAHHH
There's just one out to go!
I'll be in your care!
Still...

ひゅん
SWISH
BIGB
BIGBEARS
TH 1 2 3 4
BEARS 0 0 0 0 0
EAGLES 0 0 3 0 0
ズキッ
THROB
Ack!
Nice one!
WHOOSH
ヒュッ
Ball!
WHAP
スパン
The ball's got zero punch...
No good...

Hang in there!
Keep it up, Uta!
ヒュン
WOOSH
BIG
Ah!
キィン
KRAKK


I put too much strength into it!
Shit!


Foul ball!
90


...so I've gotta change up the speed...
I can't throw a breaking ball...
HUFF HUFF
HUFF HUFF

Dammit!

Take this!
シュルル
WOOSH

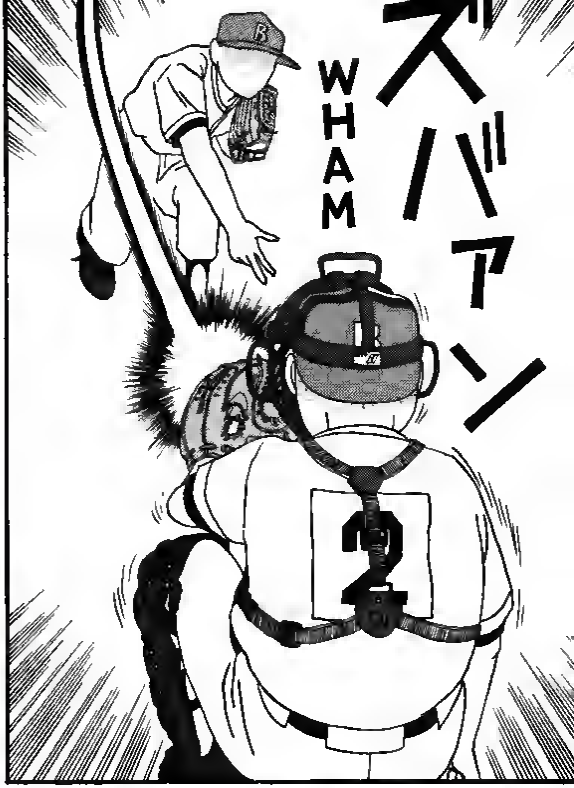
It's smack down the middle!

O
キィン
KRAKK
4
B
It's into left-center field!
7
8
6
A double!

B
BIGBEARS
B
BIGBEARS
B
B
B
1
1
1

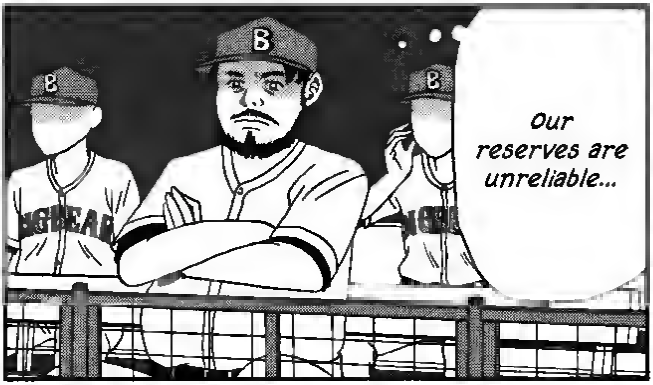
Uta!
RAAH
アー!
Nagatsuda to the pitcher's mound!
Naruse to right field!
S
B
0
H
E
E
CLAP
パチ
B
FWIP
ビュ
IGBEARS
...when you see my pitches after Uta's, Eagles.
Don't go losing your nerve...

Fast!
F-


WHAM
ズバアン

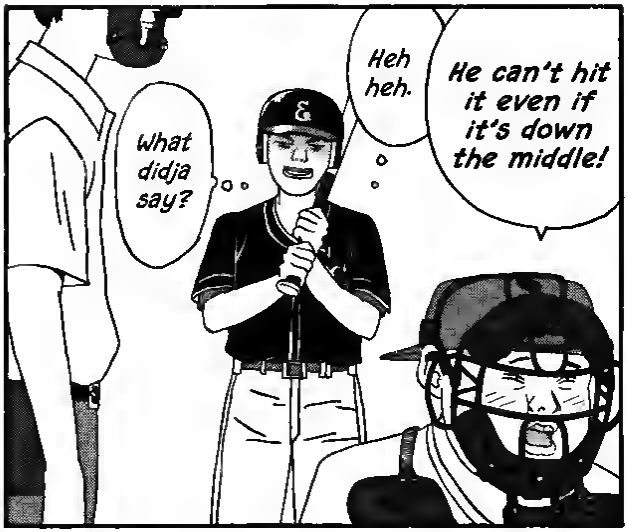
We finally knocked that girl out.
Heh heh.

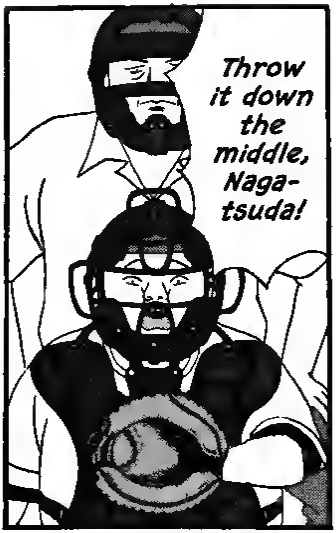
Play ball!

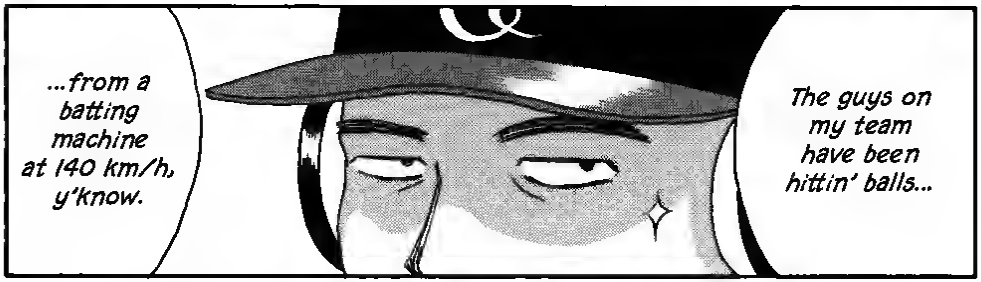

Our reserves are unreliable...

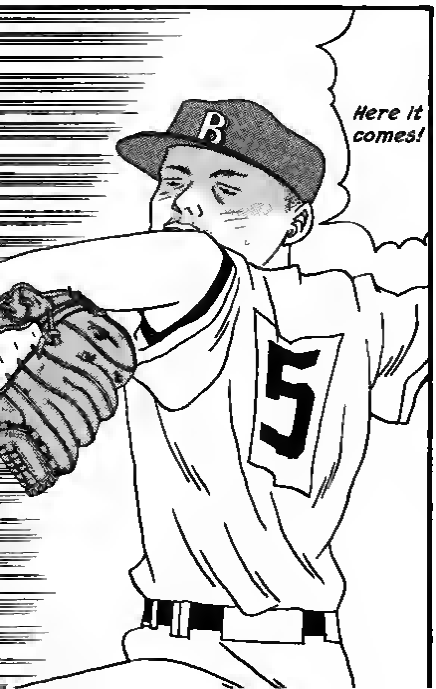
I've gone and left it to chance...
Aw, man.

ごぉっ
WOOSH
Arggghh!
パーン
WHAP
Ball!
Dammit!
パーン
WHAP
Ball!
Ball four!
パーン
WHAP
This isn't working...

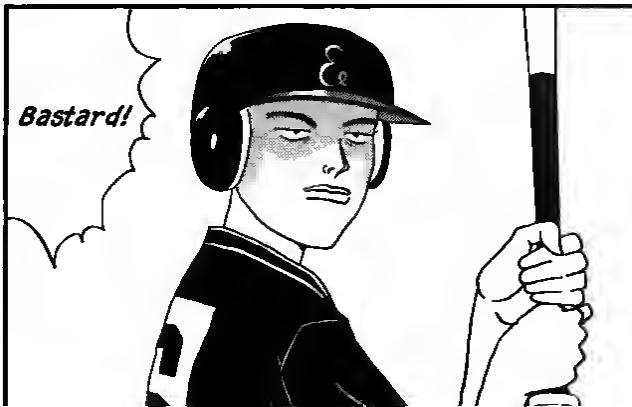

What didja say?
Heh heh.
He can't hit it even if it's down the middle!


Throw it down the middle, Naga-tsuda!


...from a batting machine at 140 km/h, y'know.
The guys on my team have been hittin' balls...


Here it comes!

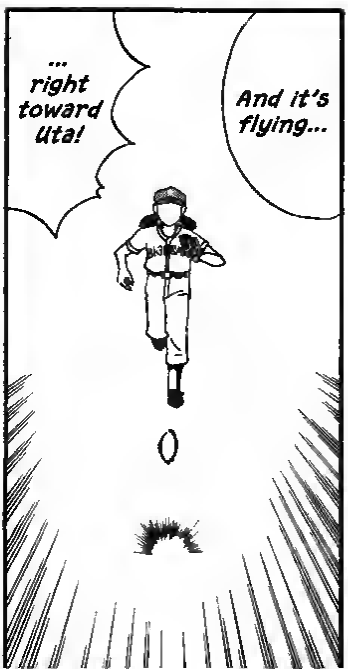
...only to be com-pletely pushed back.
We've managed to get them to two outs in the last inning...


Bastard!

キイン
KRAKK

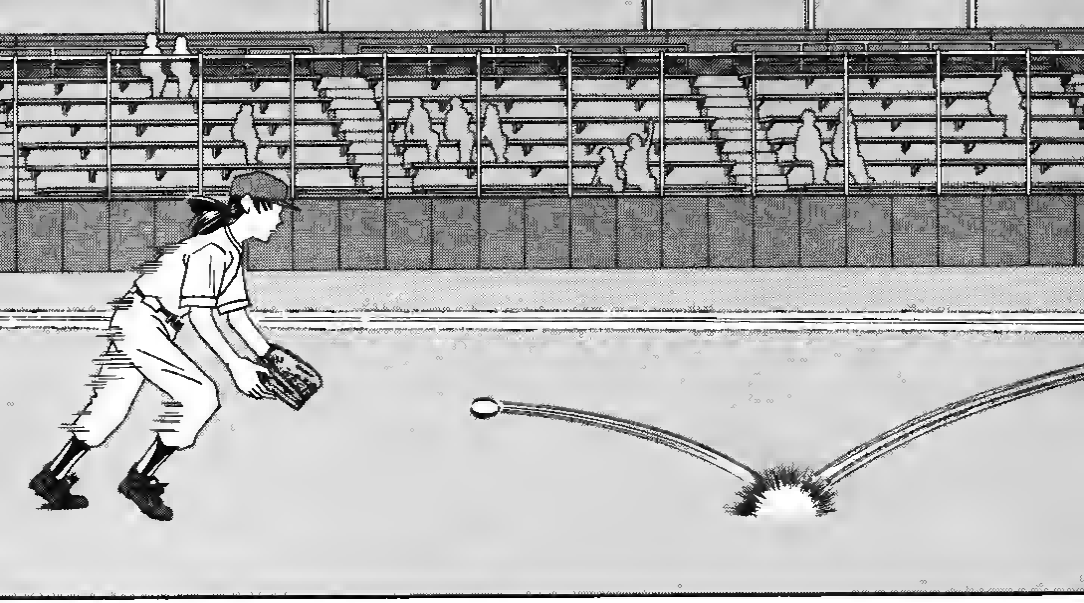
ヒュ〜ン
WOOSH
B

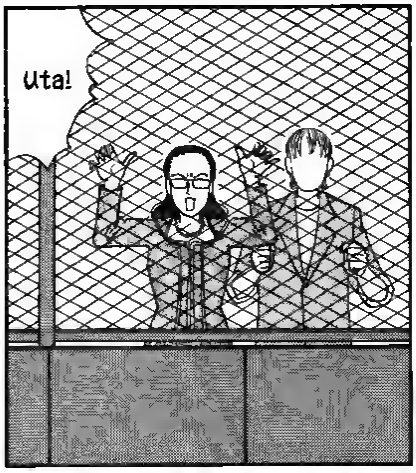
B

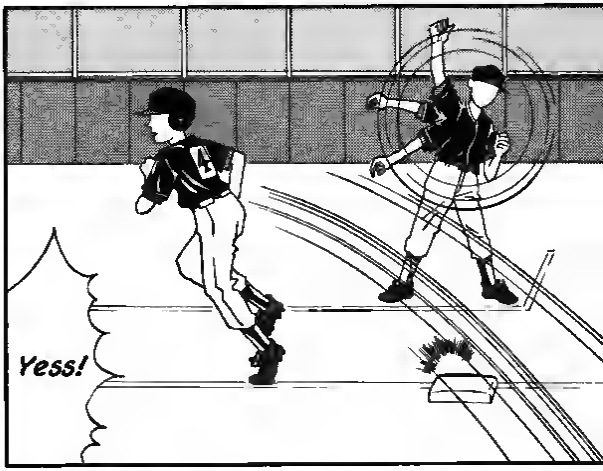

...right toward Uta!
And it's flying...

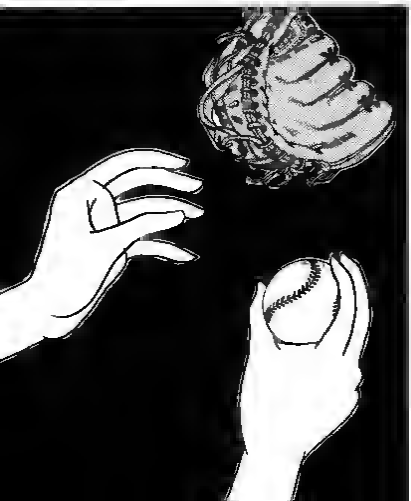
GWARRG!

He hit it!




Uta!


Yess!



B

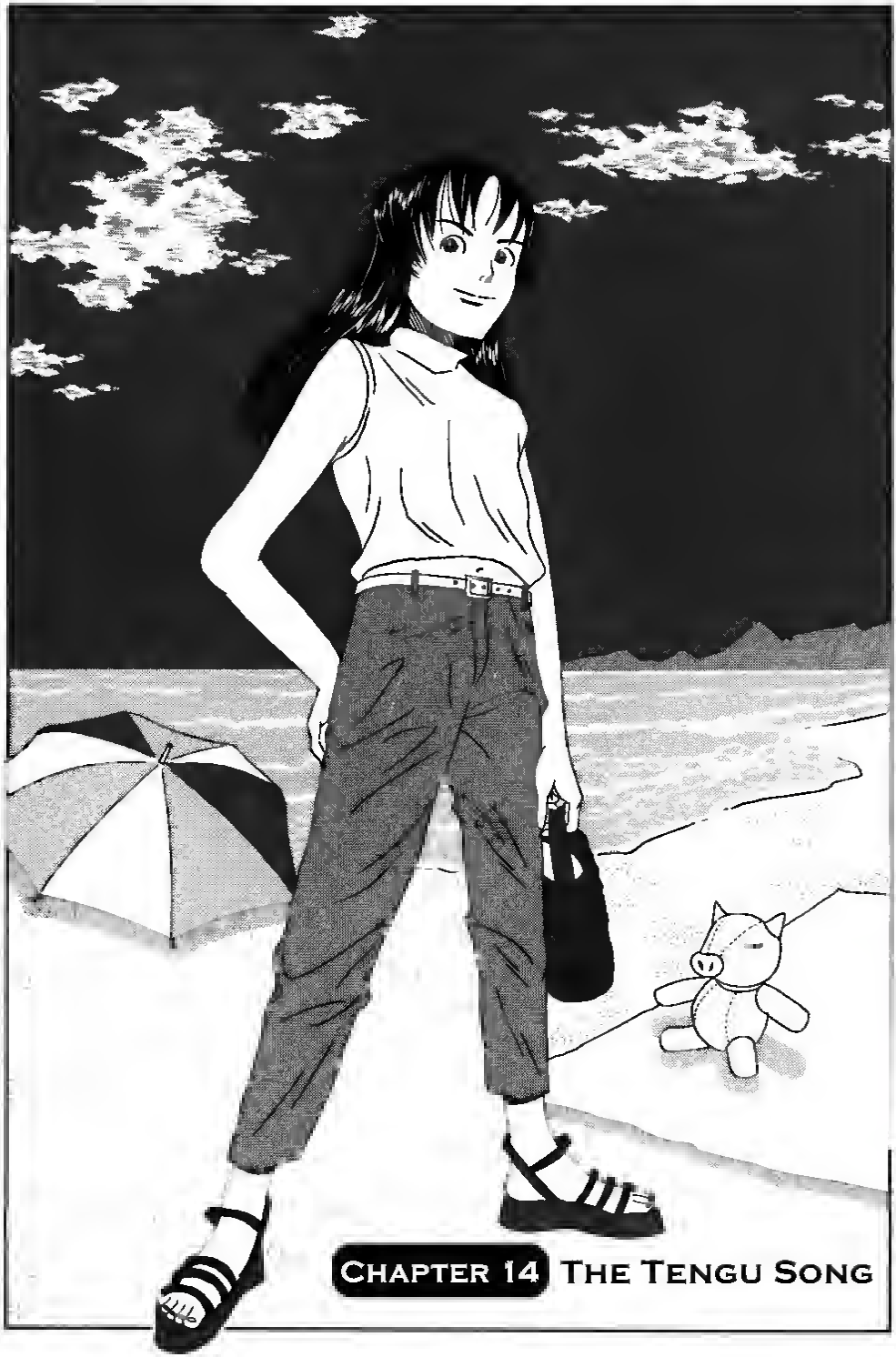
Left hand!

...THE POWERFUL BASS SOUND OF HER LEFT HAND RANG OUT THROUGHOUT THE STADIUM.
AT THAT MOMENT...
m.g.

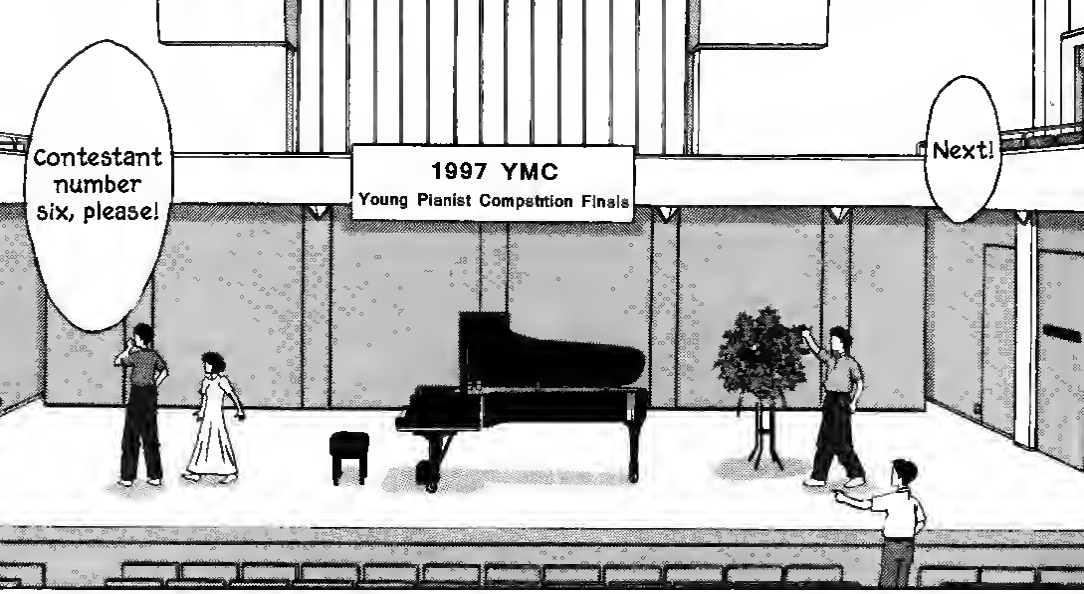
B
BIG BEARS
0
D
4

アーー!!
RAAAHHHH
BIG BEARS
Out!
Game over!

...to be able to use both her right and left hand equally.
Since before she was even able to understand what was going on around her, I've raised her ...
It's a matter of course!
Ma'am...
WAAAH
BIGBEAR



Chapter 14 The Tengu Song


Contestant number six, please!
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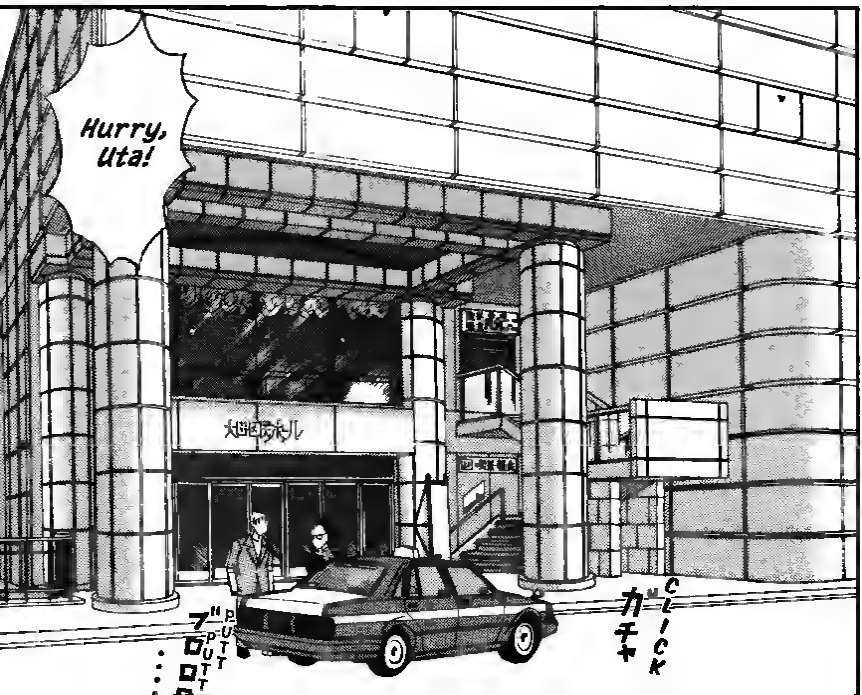
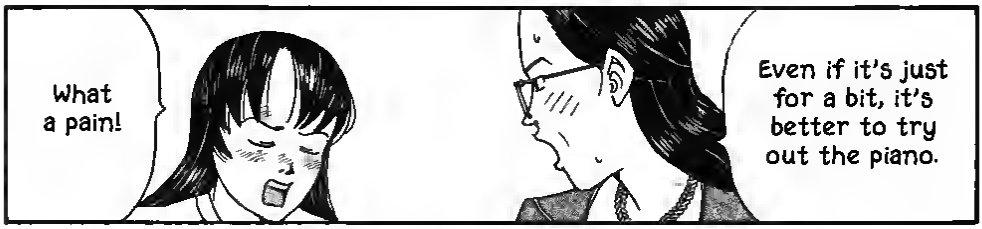
Next!

Rehearsals are about to end.
Number four still hasn't arrived.


Hurry, Uta!
PUTT
PUTT
PUTT
カチャ
CLICK

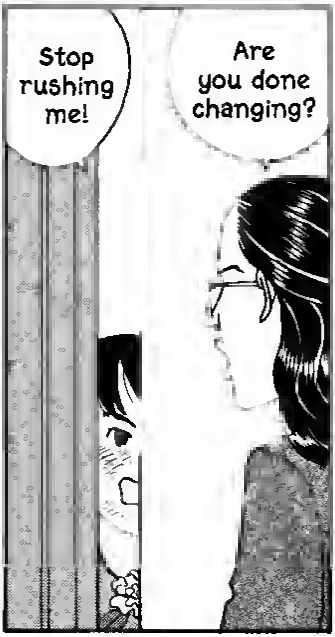
SCREECH

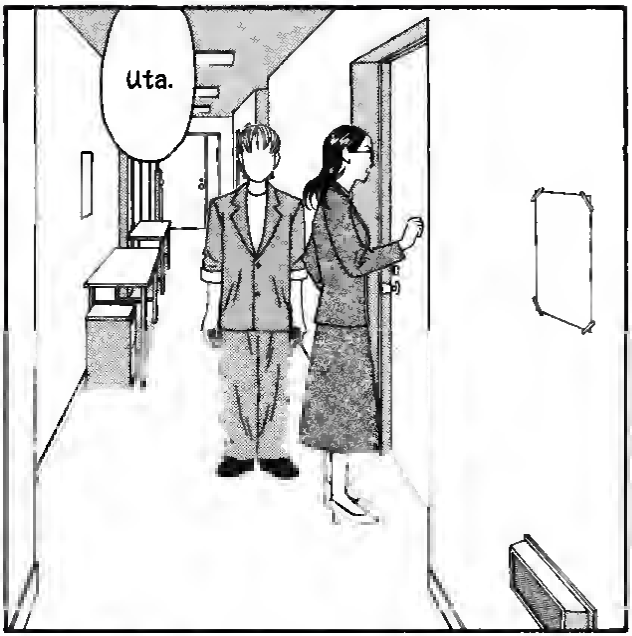
Please hurry.
Rehearsals are about to end.
Uta, hurry up!
Whatever. Forget rehearsal.


Even if it's just for a bit, it's better to try out the piano.
What a pain!

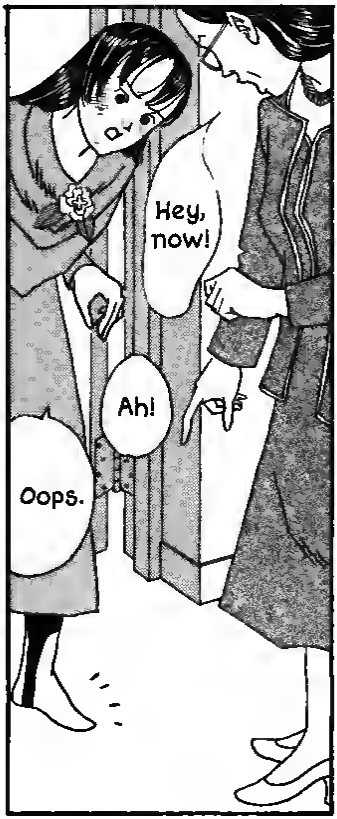
Hey.
Look at that.

Ow!
You haven't even played for a minute!
I'm done.
Got it.
Hmph.
It's the first time I've seen someone come to a piano competition in a baseball uniform.
That kid's sure cocky.
Does your finger hurt a lot?
Uta...


Stop rushing me!
Are you done changing?


Uta.

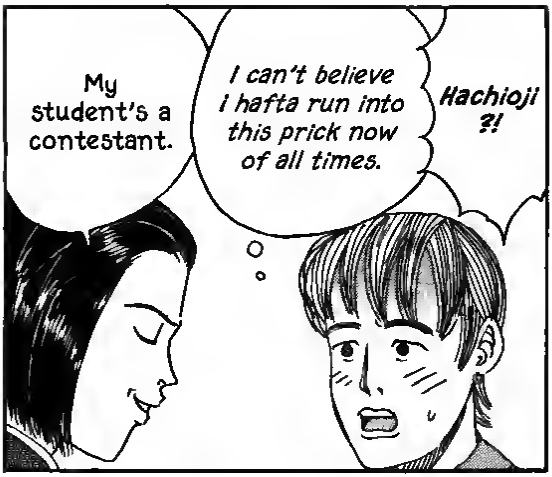
Your face is also filthy.


Hey, now!
Ah!
Oops.

Those are tear stains...

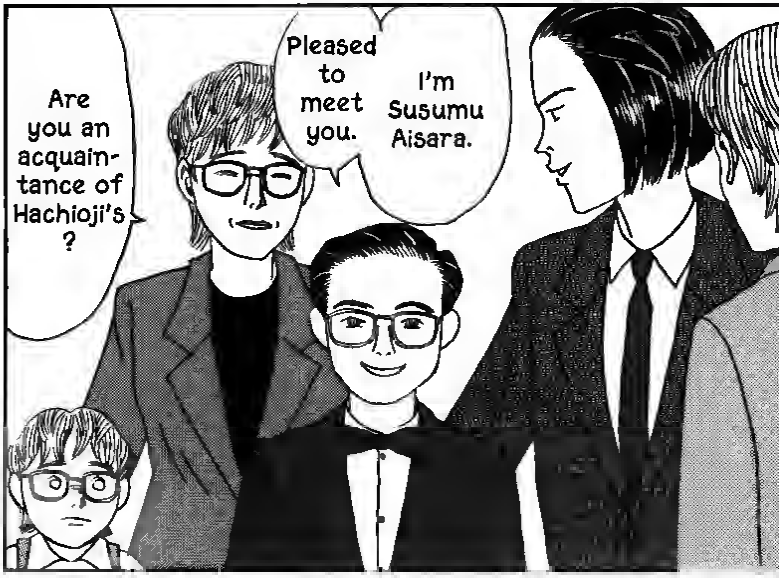
SHOCK

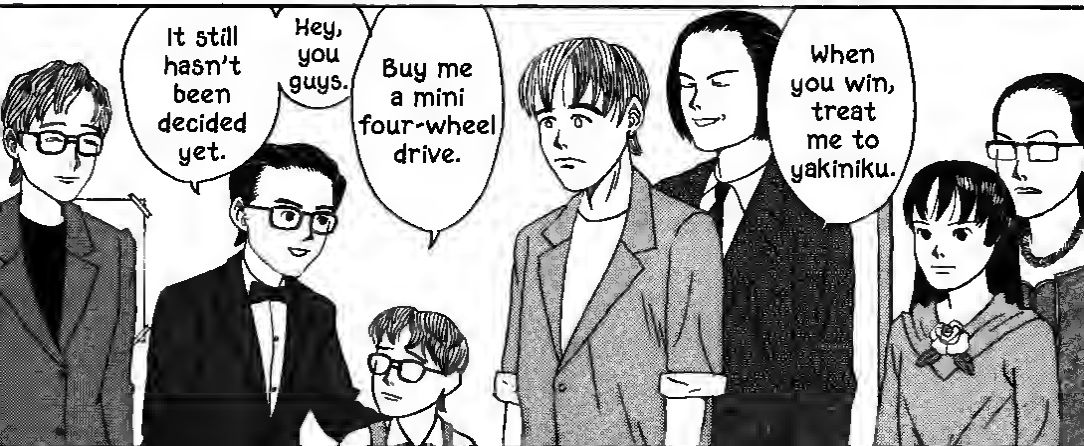
It must really hurt.
TUMBLE
Hmph!
SLIP
SWIPE
You dropped this, ma'am.
FLINCH
If she wins, my money worries will...
Madam
inform you that your
ponding delinquent charges, which
usly requested to be paid on this day
th, have not been received. Since we
eard from you, please come to
ution on this day of this mo
in full.
ear from you by the day
ill be forced to contact
his loan
No. More importantly, she just needs to somehow...
...play the piece through successfully.
?

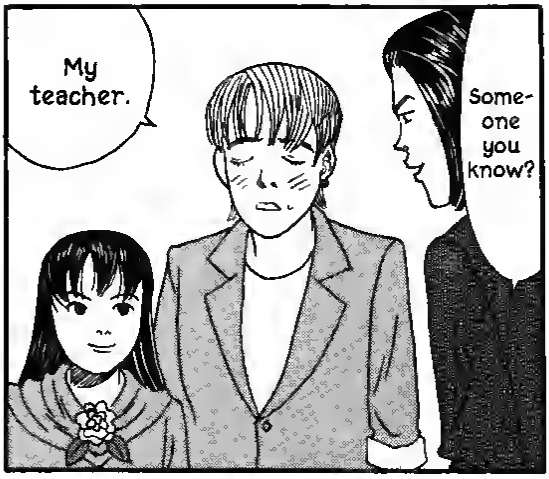

My student's a contestant.
I can't believe i hafta run into this prick now of all times.
Hachioji ?!

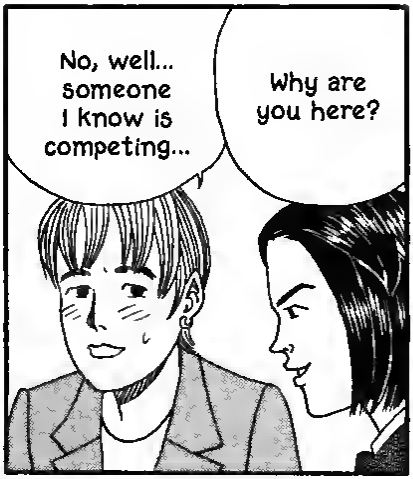
Hey. That you, Wao?
FRENCH

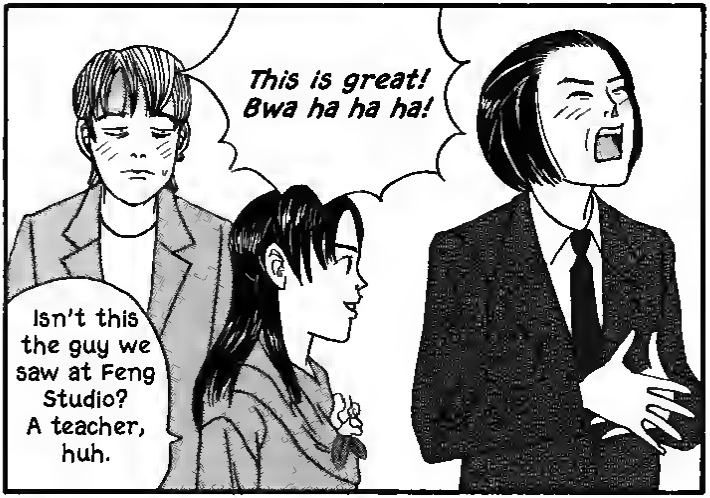
Just for the record, this guy's better than you.
Grrr ...


Are you an acquaintance of Hachioji's ?
Pleased to meet you.
I'm Susumu Aisara.


It still hasn't been decided yet.
Hey, you guys.
Buy me a mini four-wheel drive.
When you win, treat me to yakiniku.


My teacher.
Some-one you know?

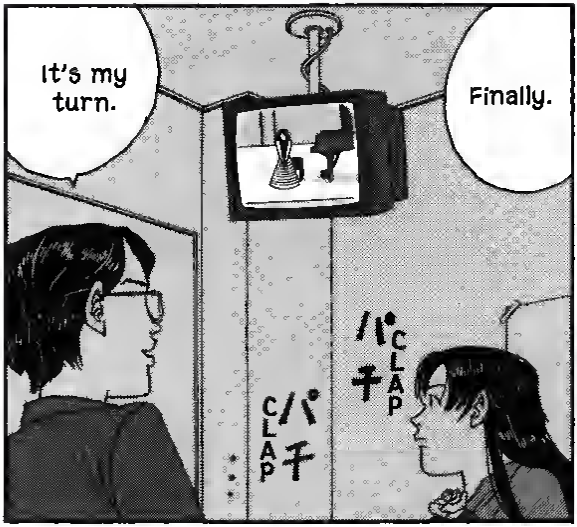

No, well... someone I know is competing...
Why are you here?

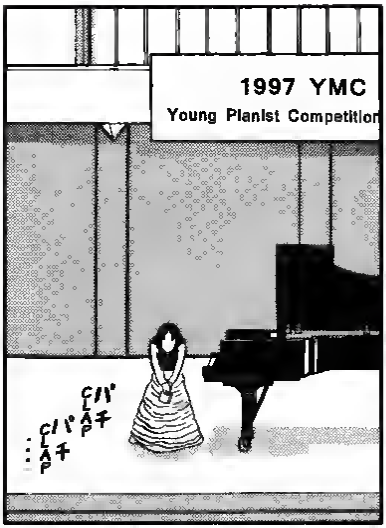

This is great! Bwa ha ha ha!
Isn't this the guy we saw at Feng Studio? A teacher, huh.

Tea-?!

That felt good...
Th...
What did you say?!
Wh-
This crappy pianist's student must suck big time.

...stage manners.
But at competitions, what's important is...
A girl genius, huh.
Hmph. You're that Uta Naruse or whatever, aren't you?
.....
..."Even competitions are looked down upon, I see."
Just now, one of the judges who saw your rehearsal said...
Hmph!
She's got an attitude even though her finger's injured.
Is she seriously gonna be OK?
Uta's attitude easily offends people.
He's right.


It's my turn.
Finally.
CLAP
パチ
CLAP
パチ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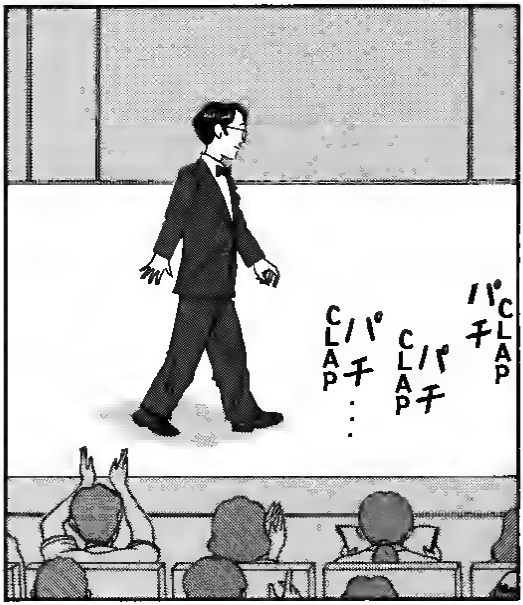
CLAP
パチ


CLAP
パチ
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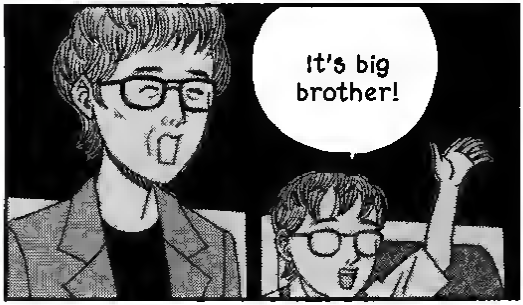
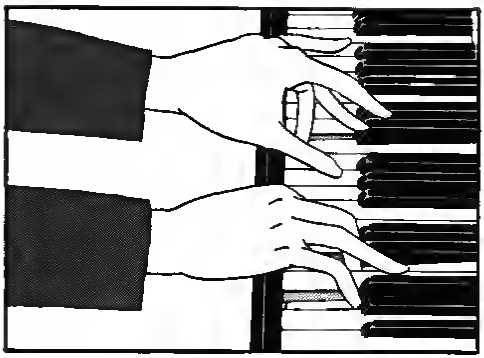
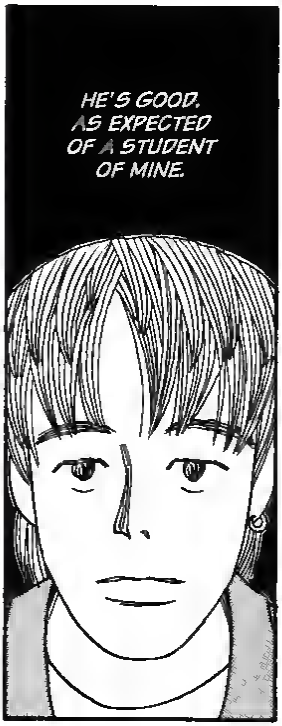
Look at you all cool and collected
Heh heh.
I'll be back in a bit.
OK, then.


It's big brother!

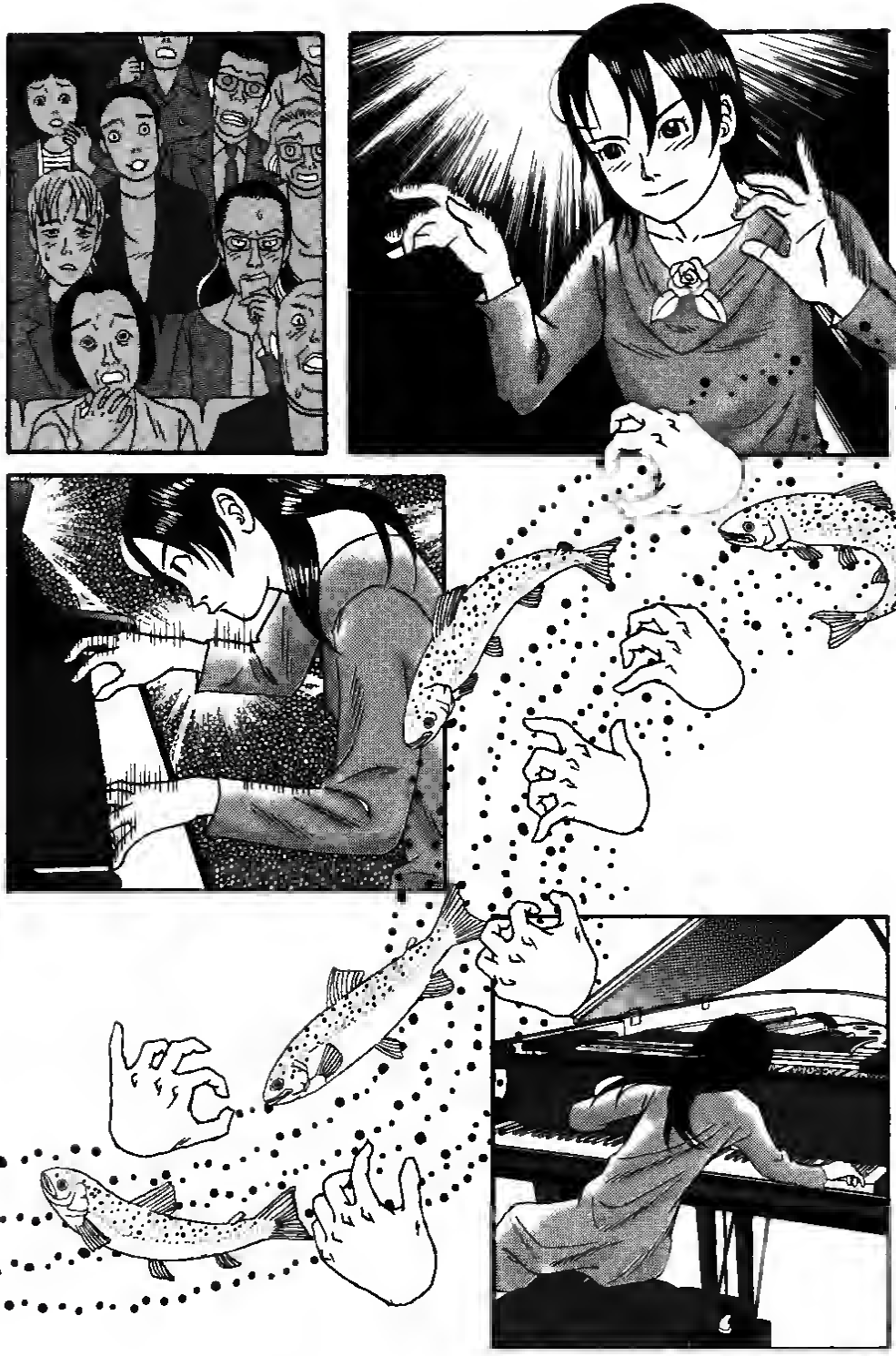


RAAAH
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP


HE'S GOOD.
AS EXPECTED
OF A STUDENT
OF MINE.

Be quiet and listen.
Now, now!
Can I have some candy?
That's what Hachioji'd say.
Heh heh.
After your brother's performance is over!
I wanna play outside!
Don't leave the lobby, OK?
YOU OK THERE, UTA?
AHH... UTA'S UP NEXT.
RAAAH パチパチ
CLAP CLAP
パチパチ
CLAP
CLAP

ポン
PLOP
THEN AGAIN, FOR UTA...
パチ
CLAP
パチ
CLAP
パチ
CLAP
...ARE MORE...
...FOUR FINGERS...
Awesome! She's using her ring finger instead of her middle finger!
...THAN ENOUGH...

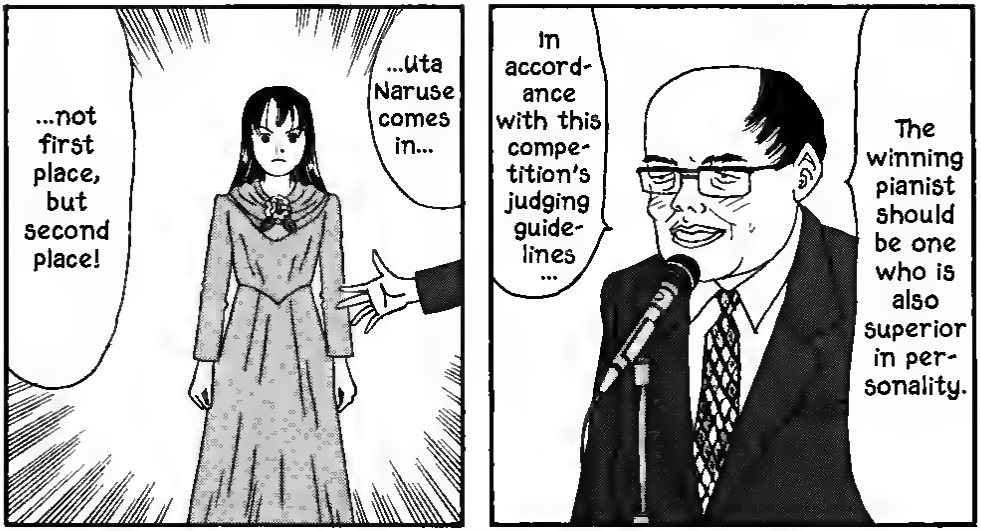


ぺた
POP
Whoa...
THERE ARE POINTS WHERE FOUR FINGERS WON'T BE ENOUGH.
CAN SHE USE THAT TRICK AND CONTINUE TILL THE END THOUGH?
STEINWAY & SONS
... more measures ...
Ten...
UTA
STEINWAY & SONS
AT THAT POINT...
... more measure ...
One ...

...HIT IT WITH
HER NOSE.

うわぁ——————ーっ
RAAAHHHH
CLAP
パチパチ
CLAP
CLAP
パチパチパチ
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
パチパチ
CLAP

What happened?!
Wh-
It was like she was performing acrobatics!
Just what in the world does she think this honorable competition is?!
It was a performance beyond that.
No...
It was faultless ...
I was listening with my eyes closed.
.....
We will now announce the results of the competition!


...not first place, but second place!
...Uta Naruse comes in...
In accordance with this competition's judging guidelines...
The winning pianist should be one who is also superior in personality.

...all gone...
えーHUUUH?!
The prize money's...

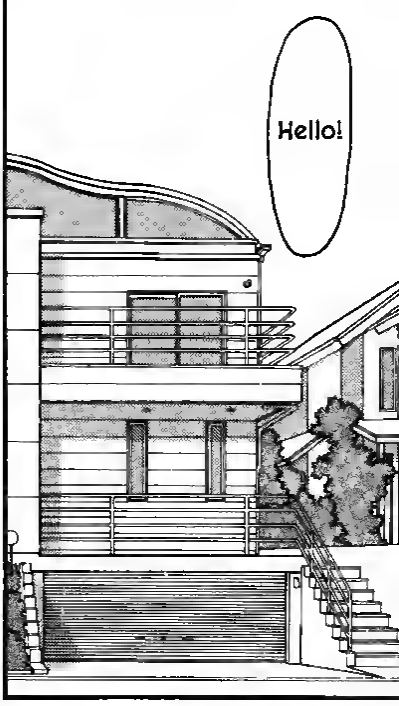
...number one!
You're...

What's goin' on?
Mama.

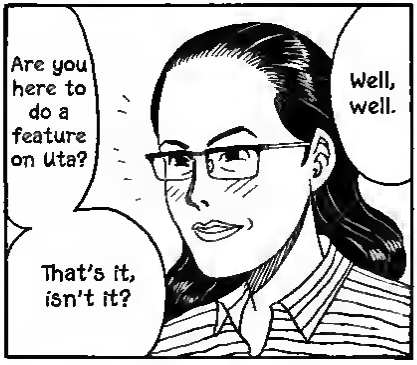
Uta...

Chapter 15 The Blossoming Dream Song

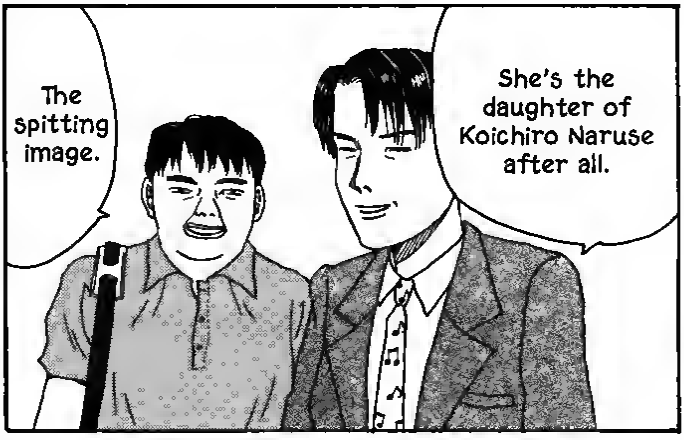
I'm Kasai.
I'm Kitagawa from *Music Art*.


Hello!

I see... I see...
Anyone who saw it would have disagreed to her placing second.


Are you here to do a feature on Uta?
That's it, isn't it?
Well, well.

SMILE
ニッコリ


The spitting image.
She's the daughter of Koichiro Naruse after all.

KOICHIRO NARUSE WAS FAMOUS IN MANY WAYS.

WHEN THERE WAS A POLITICIAN HE DIDN'T LIKE AMONG THE AUDIENCE, HE'D COMPLETELY QUIT CONDUCTING AND LEAVE IT TO THE PLAYERS.

HE'D THROW HIS BATON AT PLAYERS WHO PERFORMED POORLY.

Her practice is over now, isn't it?
That's because her finger was injured...
We're going to go interview her.

Ms. Uta's *nose performance* was amazing.
What are you trying to say?

H-How rude!
SLAM
There's no need for the mother to join in.
Right.
Oh.
Go ahead.
I can't play well.
...I can't play the way I want at all.
When my finger's injured ...

We're reporters from *Music Art*. Your mother gave her permission for us to interview you.
Who're you?
Sorry for disturbing you during your practice.
Since before I could talk.
When did you start playing the piano?
Huh?!
A baseball player.
Then, your dream for the future is obviously ...

...doesn't mean they'll become an announcer, does it?
Just 'cause someone likes to talk...
Wouldn't you normally think of things like, "I want to be able to make a living with my piano?"
FLASH
Urg...
RIIIING
GULP
It'd be nice if she didn't say anything embarrassing ...

RIIING
RIIING
What is the current status of the ten thousand that was requested to be paid to us this month?
About that ...
さぁ
This is Higashigoten Town Corporation.
カチャカチャ
Then again, you have such a nice home put down as collateral that you don't need to worry.
It's time for you to pay your property tax, isn't it?
Well, even if you transfer ten thousand today, you'll need another ten thousand by next week.

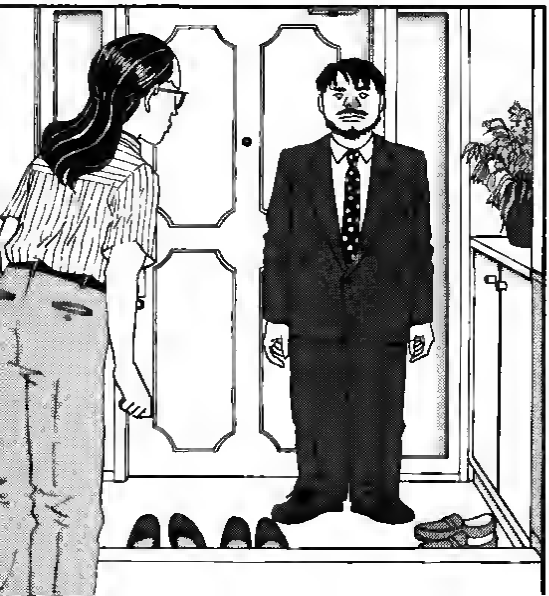
AAAAHHH...
へたこ COLLAPSE
I'm cleaning!
Are you not feeling well?
FWIP ひょい
I rang the bell.
Don't just come in without a word!
Awww. The flowers wilted...
Now that you mention it, it feels like nothing's changed since the day of the competition.
J.S.BACH

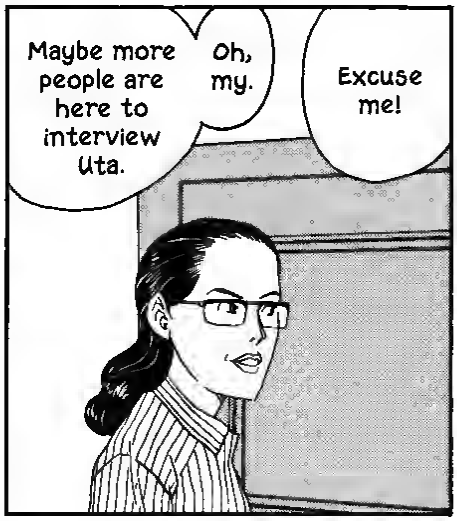
Until that kid's finger heals, she won't be giving lessons!
Just leave it!
Will you play with your nose for us?
Hey, hey.
.....

This too!

Look!
I can do this, too.

FLASH
That's more like a circus act.




Excuse me!
Oh, my.
Maybe more people are here to interview Uta.

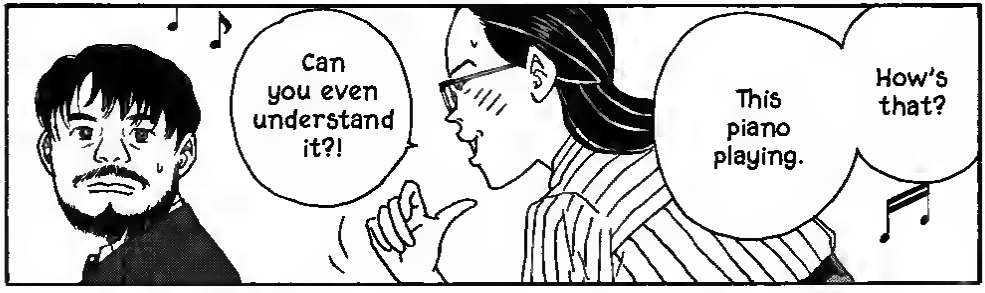
Can I see her?
If you have something to say to her, I'll take a message from *here*.
How's Uta's injury?
She's currently in shock since she can't do anything!
Thinking back on it, it was due to my lower back that my dream of becoming a baseball player was cut short.
Then, please excuse me.
My lower back hurts.
ドサッ
But when I met Uta, I thought I found a new dream.
It's useless no matter what you say!

Uta is going to be on the cover of a music magazine, you know!
She's a star!
Oh, my... Is the interview over?
Thank you very much, ma'am.
...goes way above that of something like baseball!
Anyway, that girl's dream ...
No. It'll just be a tiny column.
That's an interesting story.
Argh!
She said that she'll become a baseball player in the future.

?
Wait.

I forgot to shut the door to the piano room.
Ah!

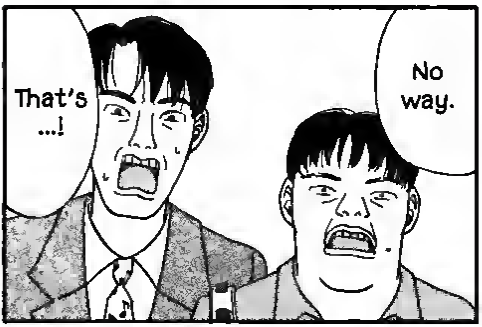
... piano playing as before.
It's not the same ...

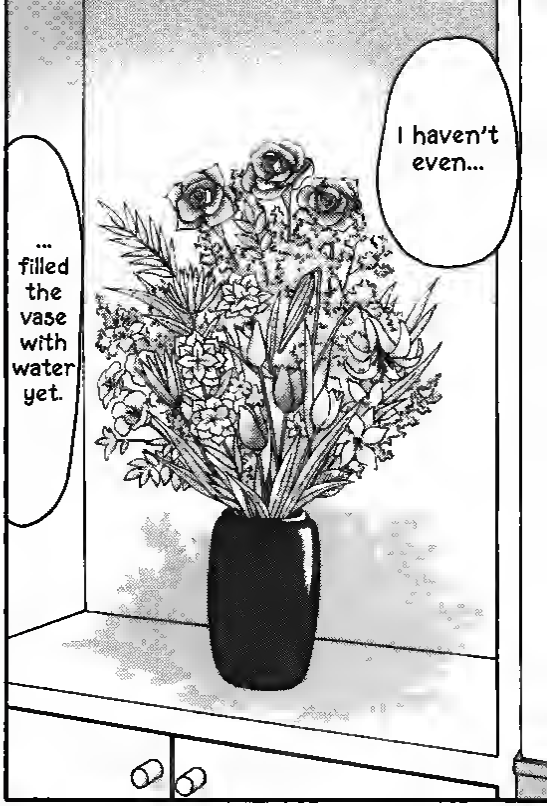

Can you even understand it?!
This piano playing.
How's that?

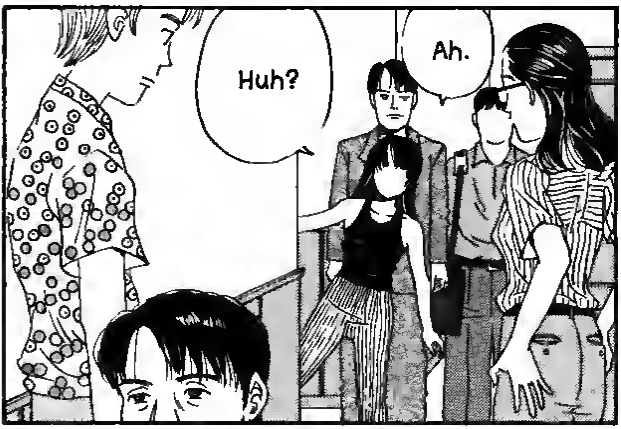
Th-The flowers!
Ah!

I don't really ...
No, uh. Regarding music...

...of Uta's piano playing.
It's all because ...


That's ...!
No way.


I haven't even...
... filled the vase with water yet.

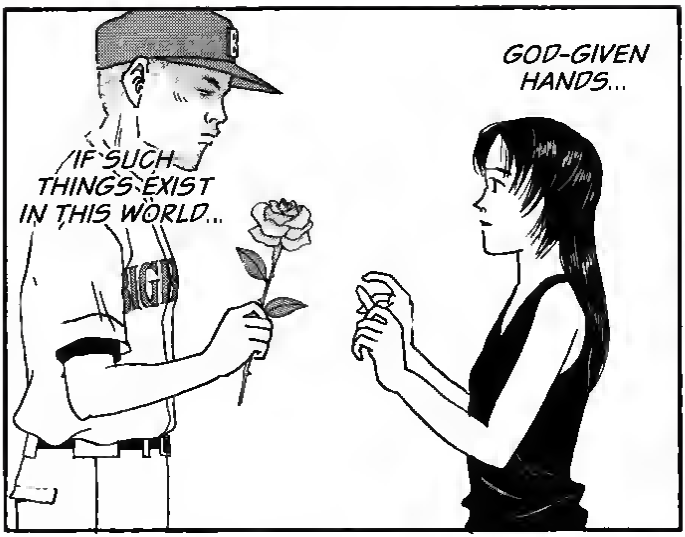

Huh?
Ah.

You came!
Coach!

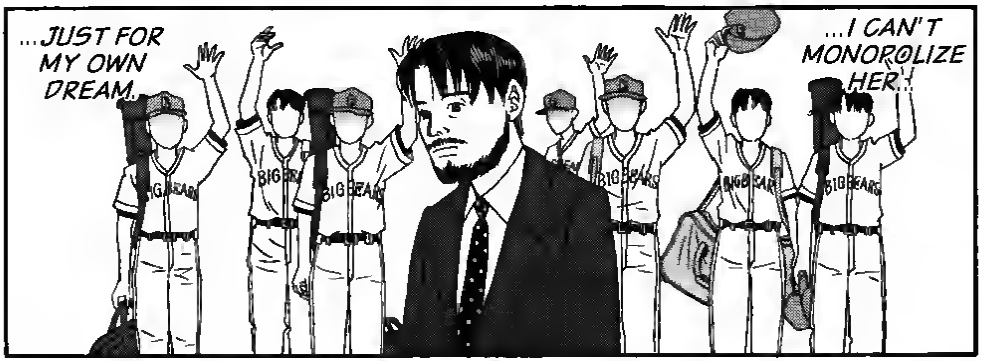
Arg! It's not going well at all!
ドタ STOMP
ドタ STOMP

Uta...
I wanna play baseball!
But, I guess...
I had hoped we could play baseball together again.
...it was just a sweet dream.
Coach, wait!
TOUCH
Whoops.
Does your lower back hurt?

...
DISAPPEARED!
THE PAIN IN MY LOWER BACK...
Leaving already?
Hey, Coach.
...thanks.
It was only for a short time, but...
Hey, Uta!
!
It was fun!
Thanks, Uta!
BIG BEAR


IF SUCH THINGS EXIST IN THIS WORLD...
GOD-GIVEN HANDS...

Get a shot.
Hey.


...JUST FOR MY OWN DREAM.
...I CAN'T MONOPOLIZE HER!!

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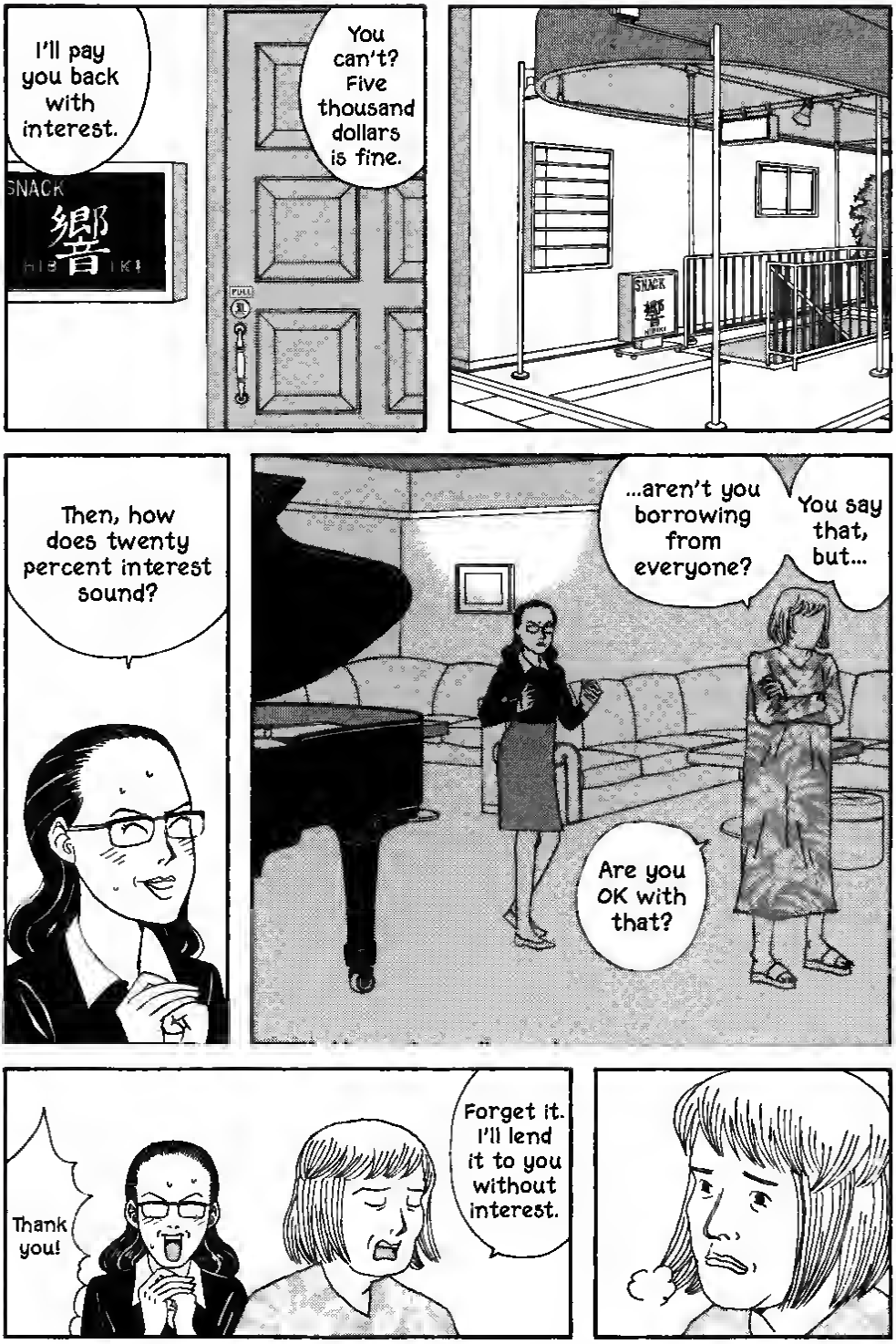
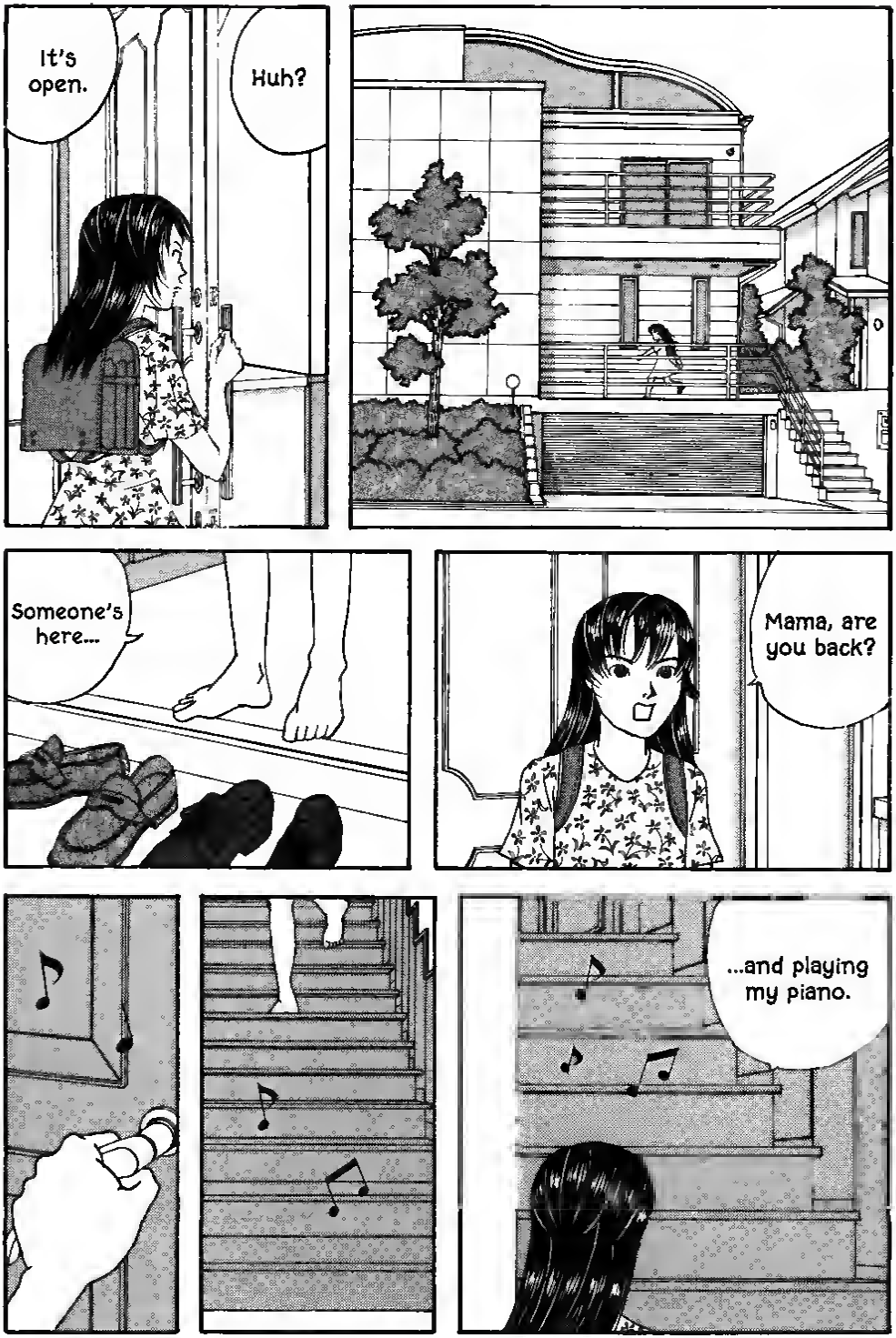
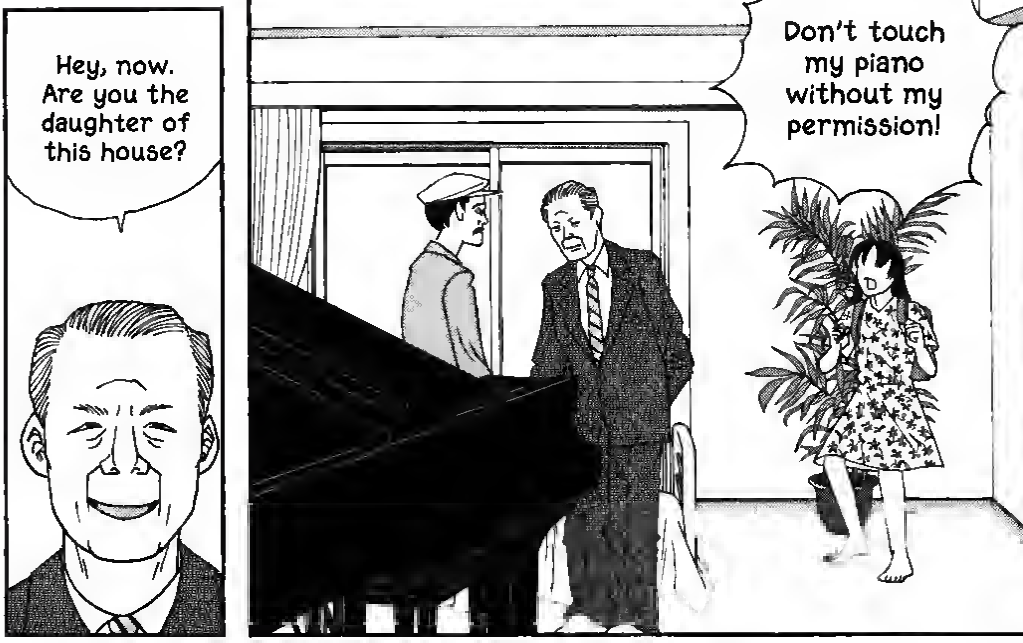
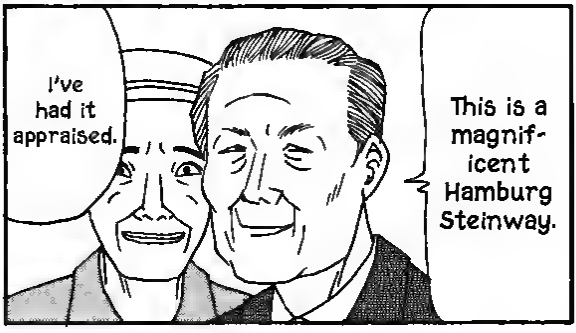
Chapter 16 The Separation Song

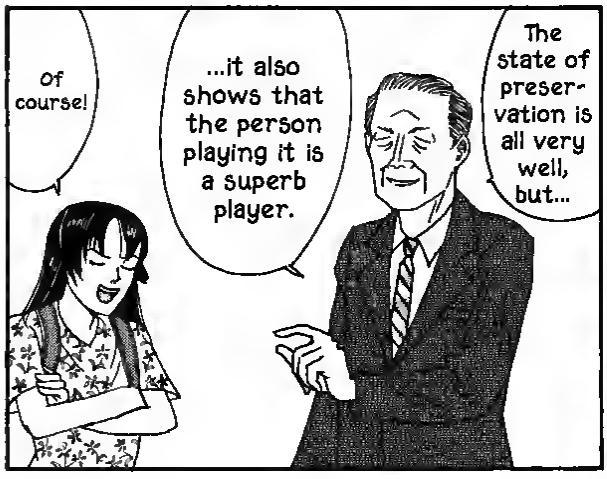

I'll pay you back with interest.
You can't? Five thousand dollars is fine.
SNACK
Then, how does twenty percent interest sound?
...aren't you borrowing from everyone?
You say that, but...
Are you OK with that?
Thank you!
Forget it. I'll lend it to you without interest.


It's open.
Huh?
Someone's here...
Mama, are you back?
...and playing my piano.


Hey, now. Are you the daughter of this house?
Don't touch my piano without my permission!

There are some scratches ...

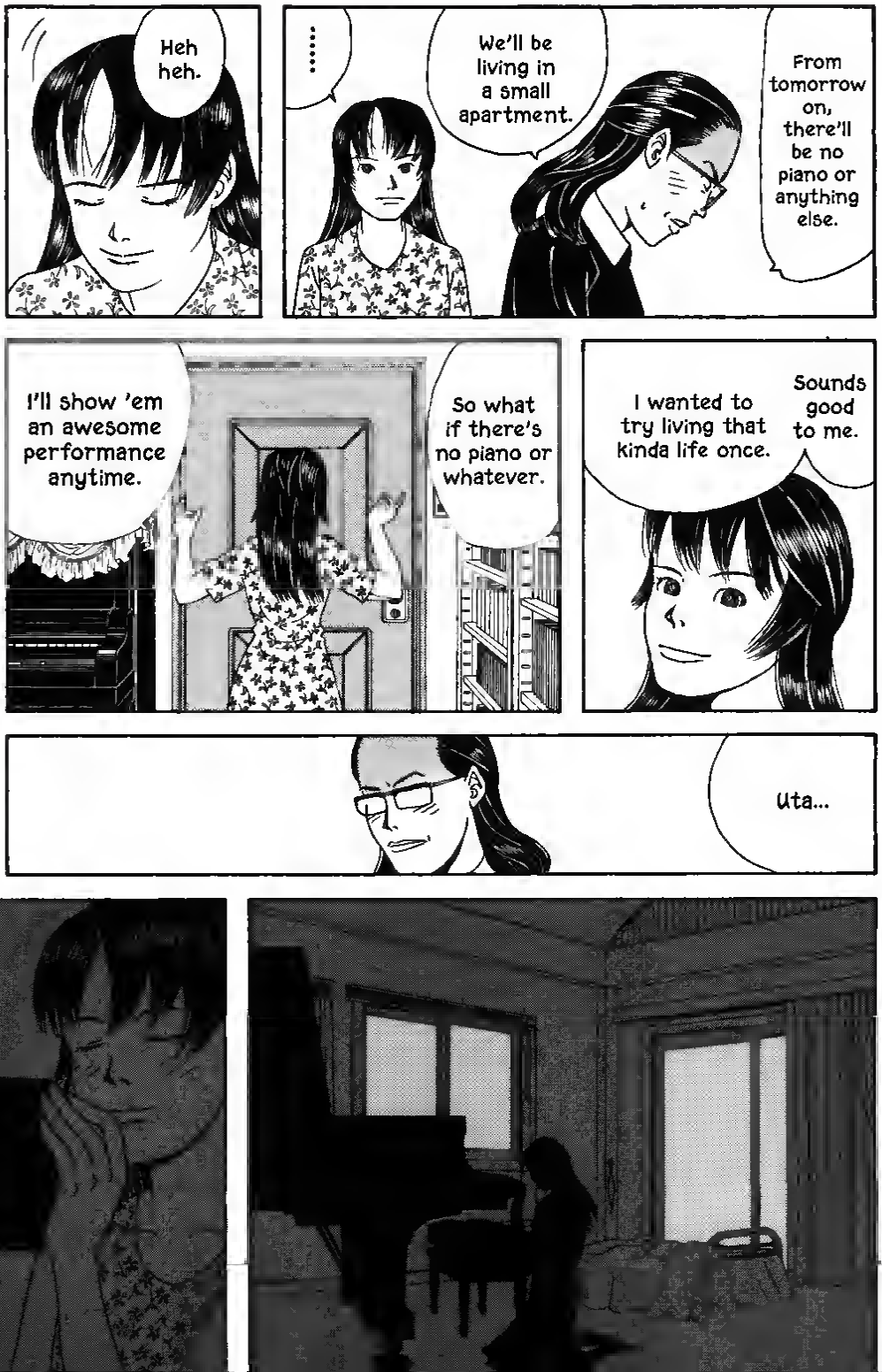

I've had it appraised.
This is a magnif-icent Hamburg Steinway.


Of course!
...it also shows that the person playing it is a superb player.
The state of preser-vation is all very well, but...

There are subtle nuances of rich, soft sounds.
But the sound is wonderful.

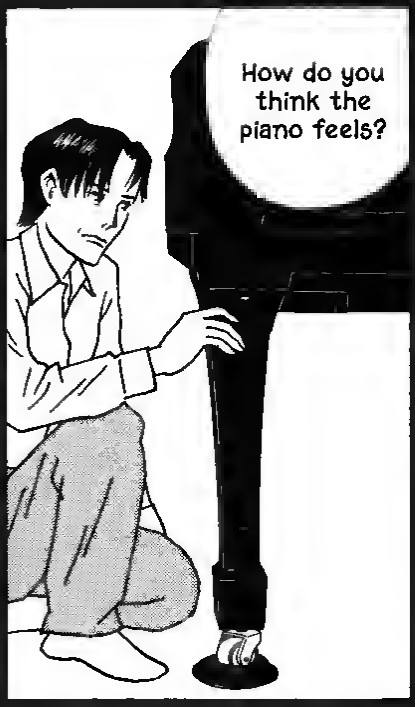
Yay!
It has a worth of about five hundred thousand dollars.
But none for this piano.
There are countless substitutes for this house.
The problem of your debt has been resolved.
Debt?
You should be happy, ma'am.
What did you say to my daughter?
You!
You just don't know when to give up. Do you, ma'am?
With this, this month's ...
I-I have the ten thousand here!

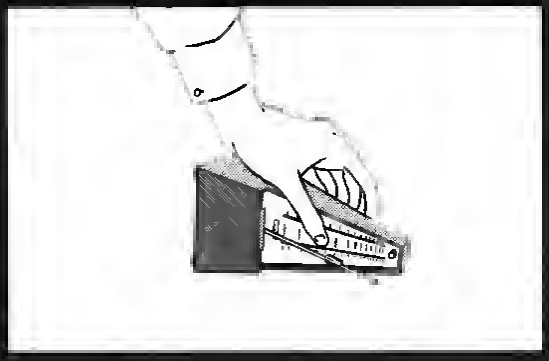
There's nothing you can do about it.
As of today, your house and all your property are under our control.
The music school business that Koichiro Naruse invested in went bankrupt.
What's goin' on, Mama?
...to Sta-chan, too?
Is this good-bye ...
I couldn't protect this house.
I'm sorry, Uta. Dear.

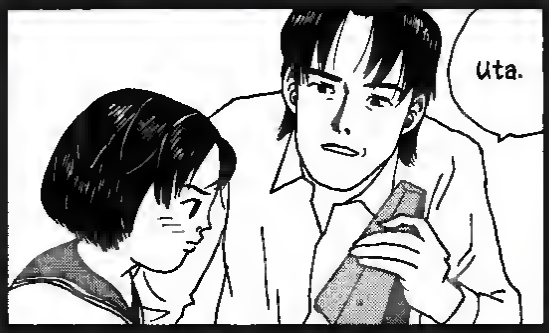

Heh heh.
.....
We'll be living in a small apartment.
From tomorrow on, there'll be no piano or anything else.
I'll show 'em an awesome performance anytime.
So what if there's no piano or whatever.
I wanted to try living that kinda life once.
Sounds good to me.
Uta...

This piano's making a strange sound.
Huh?
When did you get in there, Uta?
Hah hah!
Does it feel good here?

PRACTICE THE PLACES WHERE YOU MADE MISTAKES A HUNDRED TIMES!
バタン SLAM
If you don't, you won't get dinner!
ガーン WHAM
...I hate you!
バーン BAM
バーン BAM
Mama ...
Piano...
I really hate it!


How do you think the piano feels?




Uta.

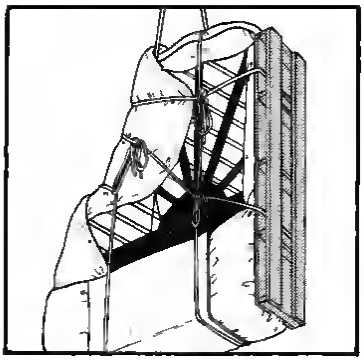
ポロ ポロ ポロッ

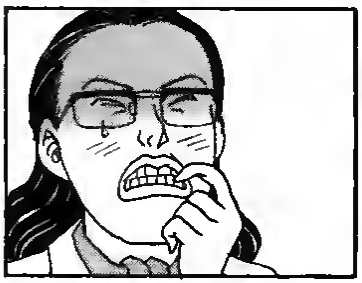
The piano's very sad, isn't it?
サアアア…
FWIISSHHH
ピカKRACKLE
RUUUMBLE
ゴロゴロ…

SMILE
Papa.
You came back?
Papa!
Uta!
BAM
BAM

At a lake in Salzburg...
Your father... Your father...

KIKUNA GROCERY
Hey, Wao.
My lesson's tomorrow.
You're not going to your elementary-student teacher's today?
They're moving, y'know.
I just passed by the front of their mansion in my car.
Moving?!
KREEEAAAK





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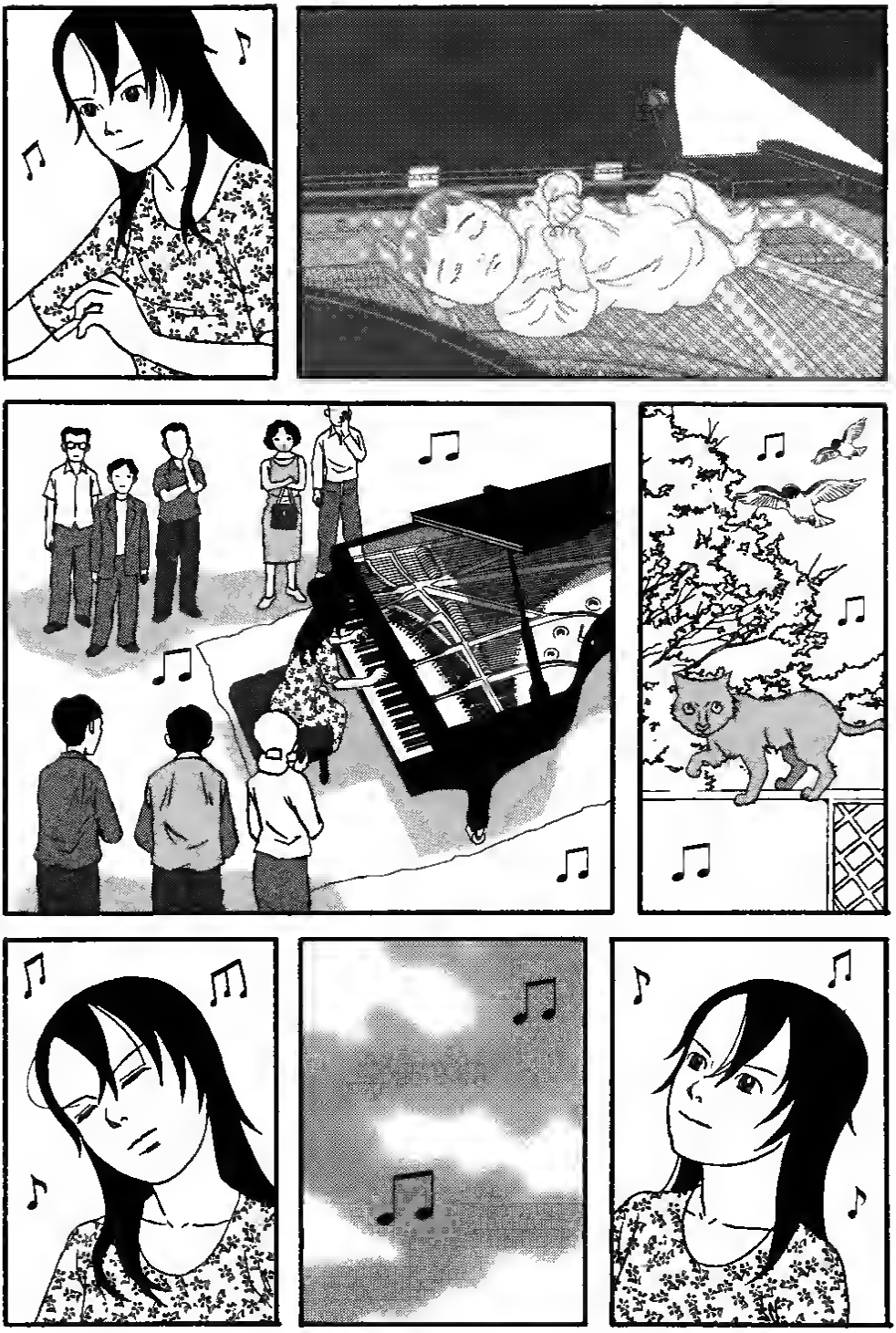
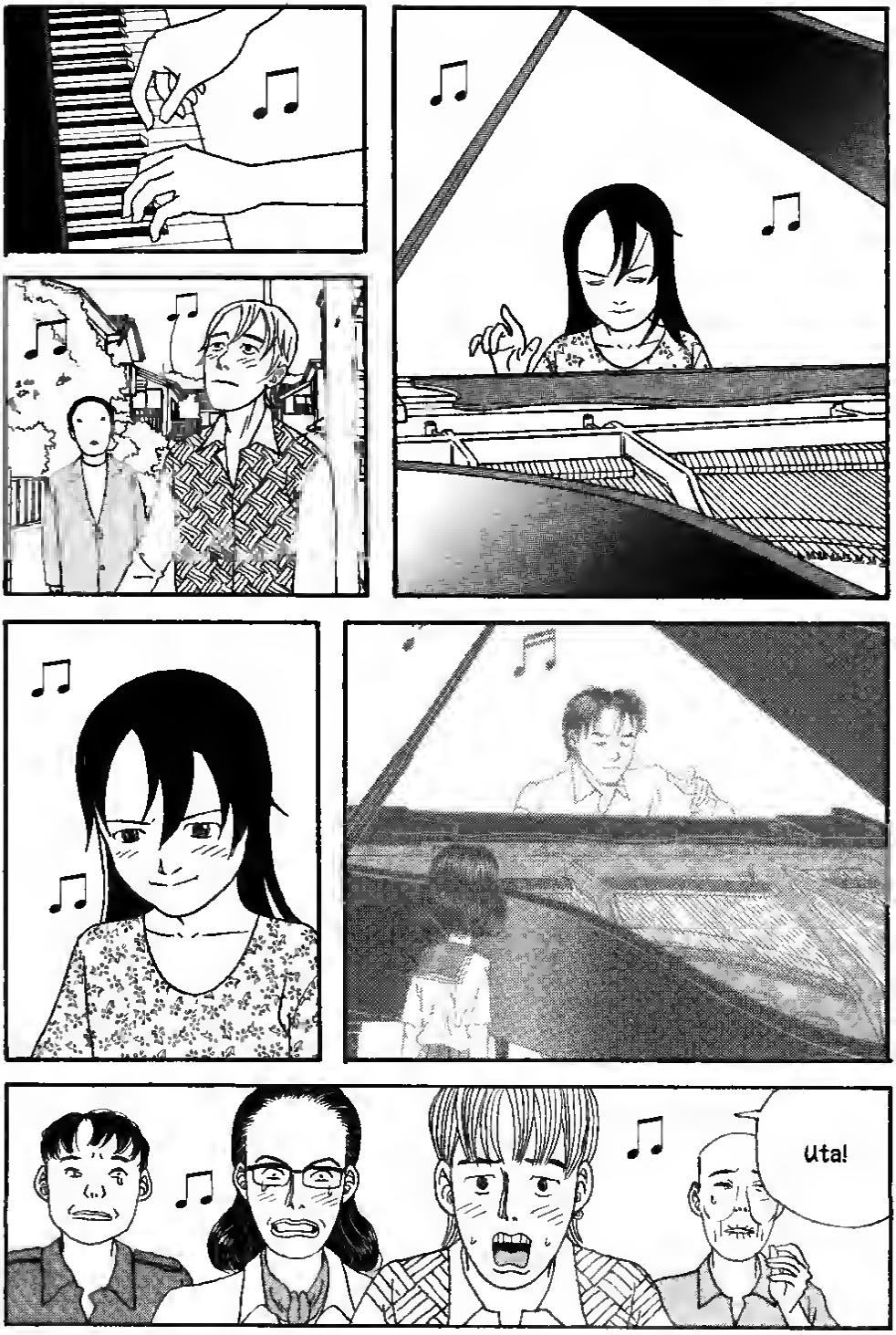
KREEAAKK
ウィーン
ウィーン

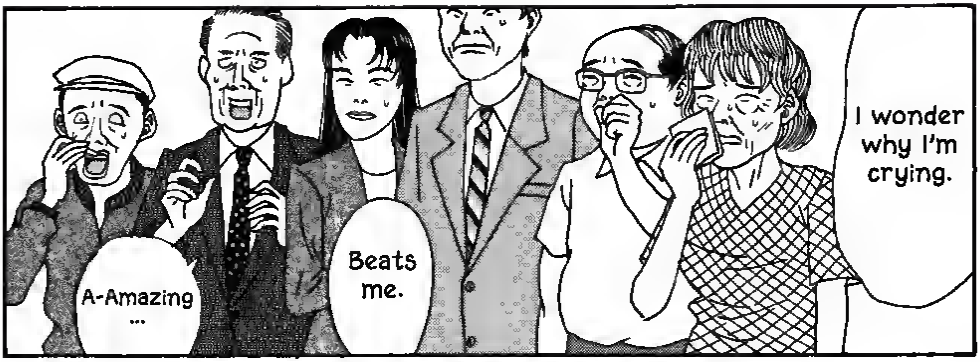
Can you let me play one last song on it?

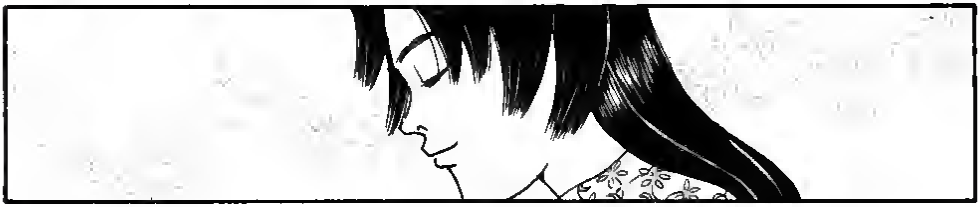
I've got a favor to ask, mister.

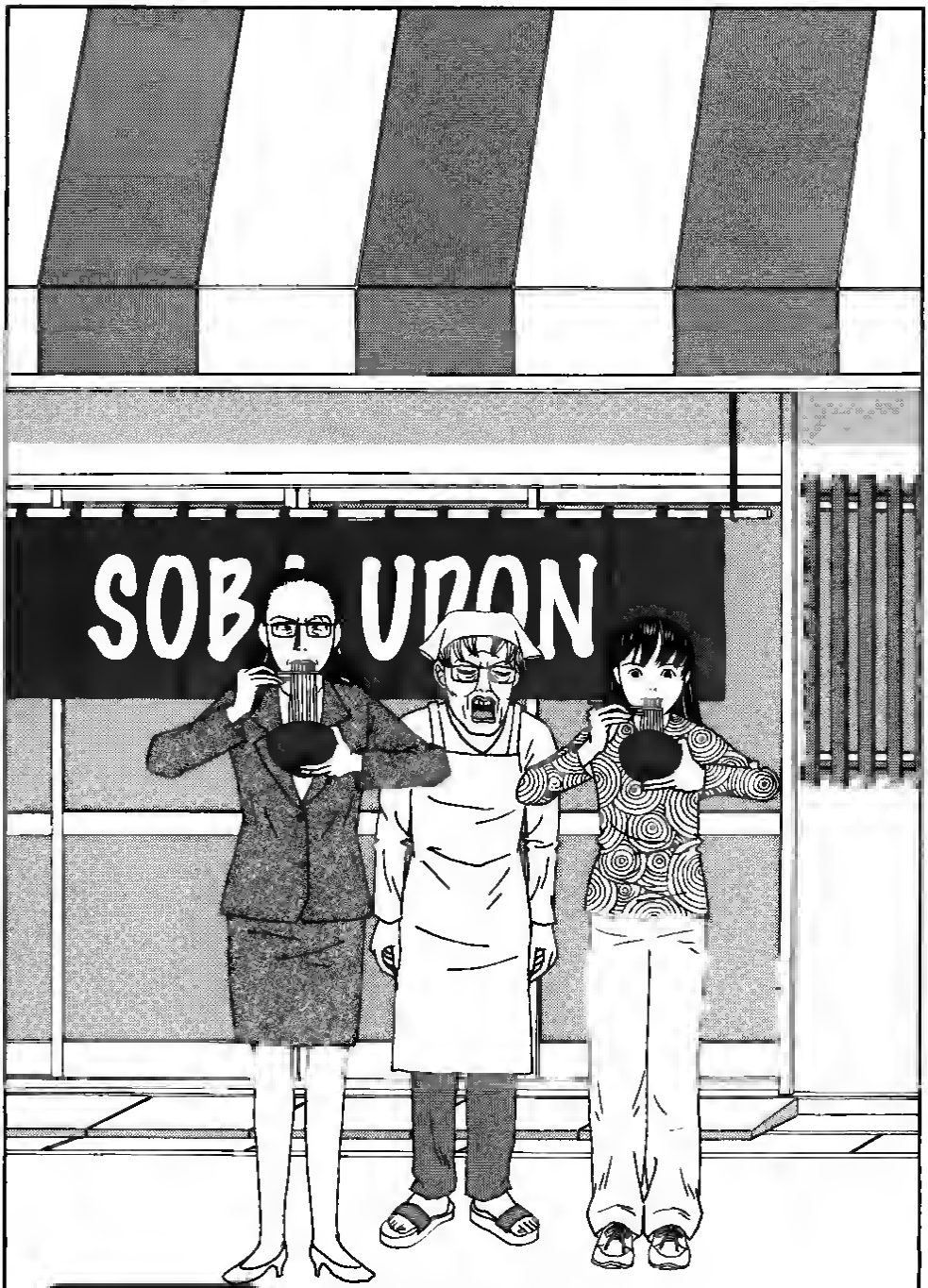
I wanted to hear it once as well.
Why not?
We can't just...!
Don't be stupid. We already finished packing it up.




Uta!


A-Amazing ...
Beats me.
I wonder why I'm crying.

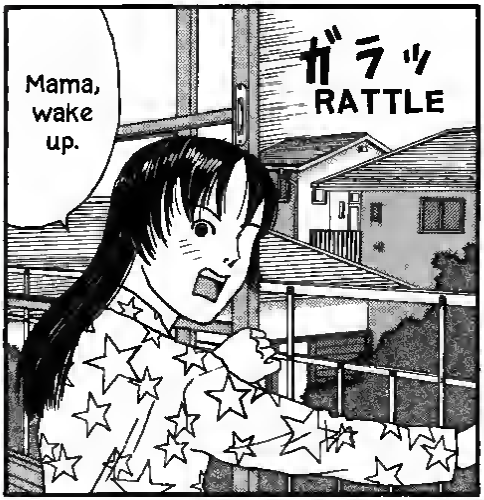


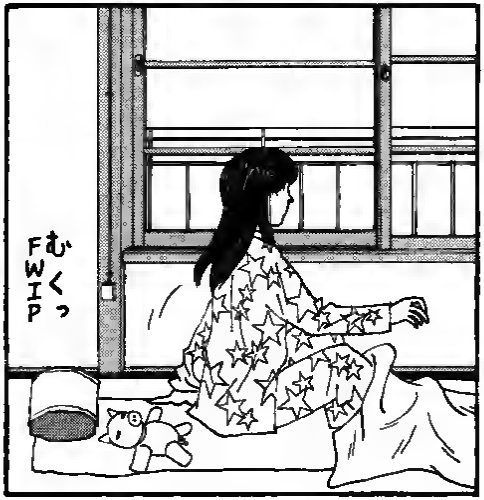


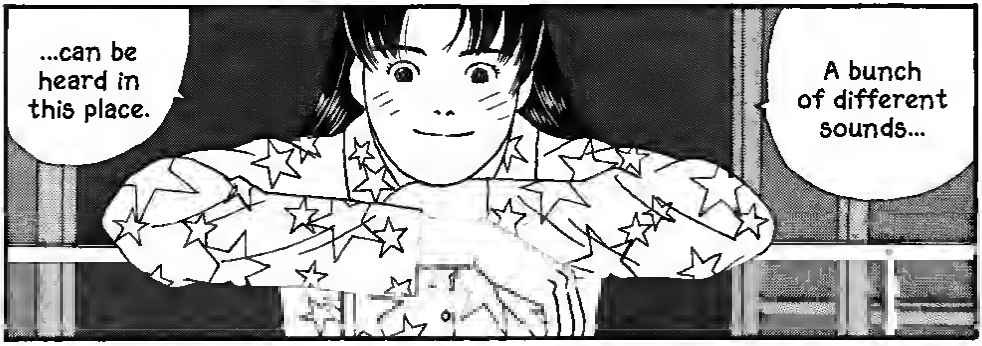
Chapter 17 The Town Song

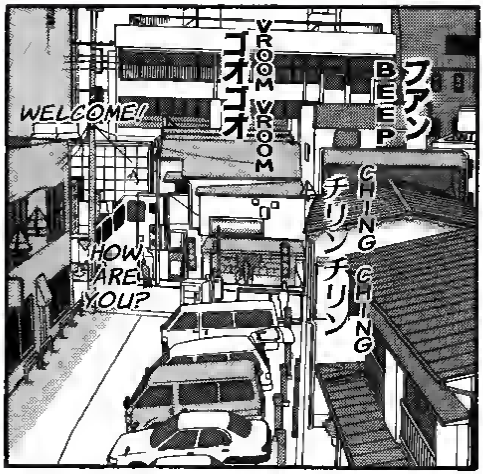
Nnnn...
RIIING
That you, Hiroshi?
Yeah.
Green light!
Red light!

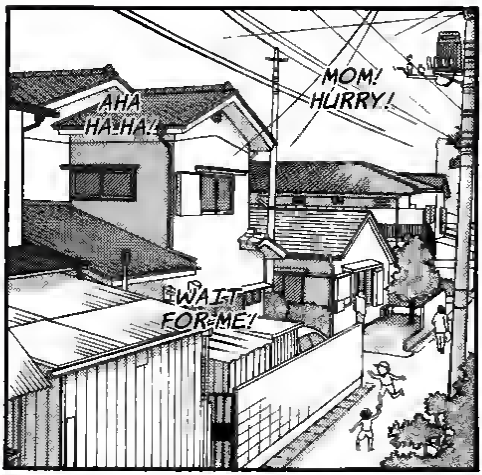
Welcome! Welcome!
Can I buy one, Mama?
It's cheap!
No.
TING KA-CHING KA-CHING
BAM
BAM
BEEP
VROOM

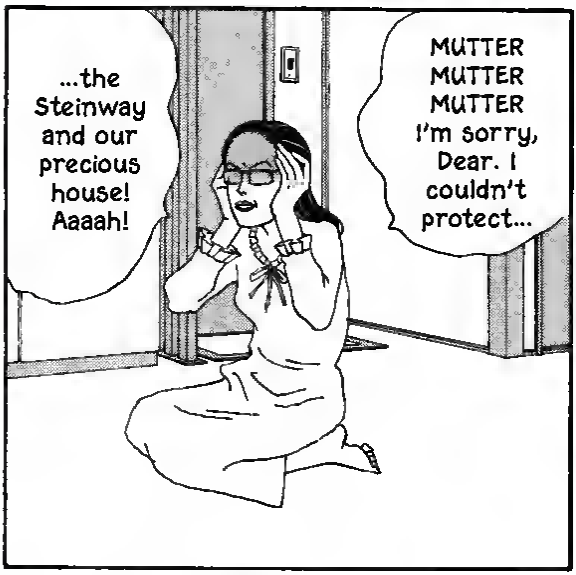

Mama, wake up.
ガラッ
RATTLE


FWIP
むくっ

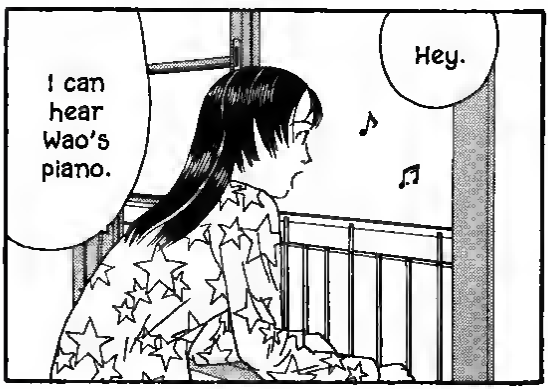

...can be heard in this place.
A bunch of different sounds...


WELCOME!!
HOW ARE YOU?
VROOM VROOM
ゴオゴオ
BEEP
ファン
CHING CHING
チリンチリン

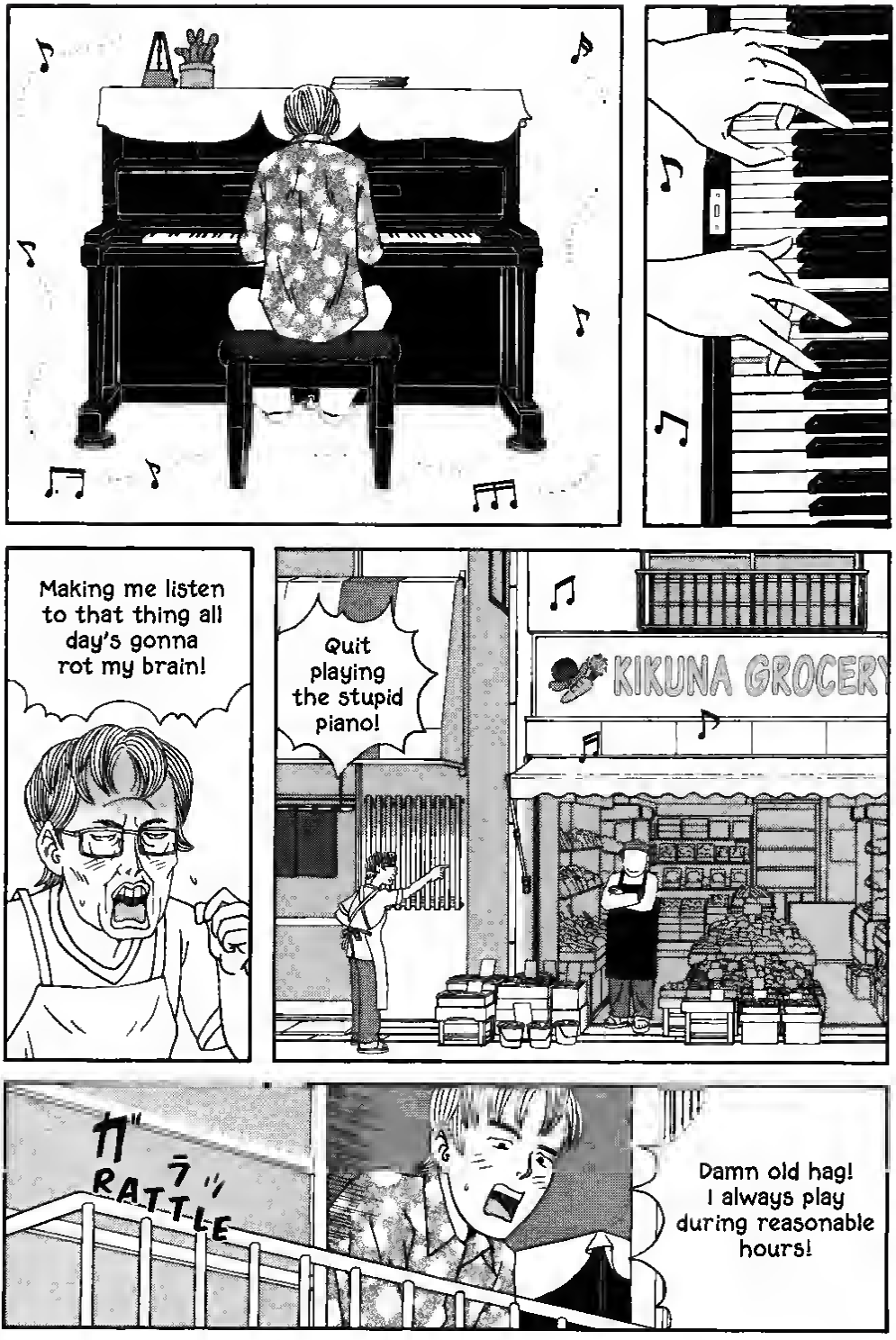

AHA HA HA!
MOM! HURRY!
WAIT FOR ME!

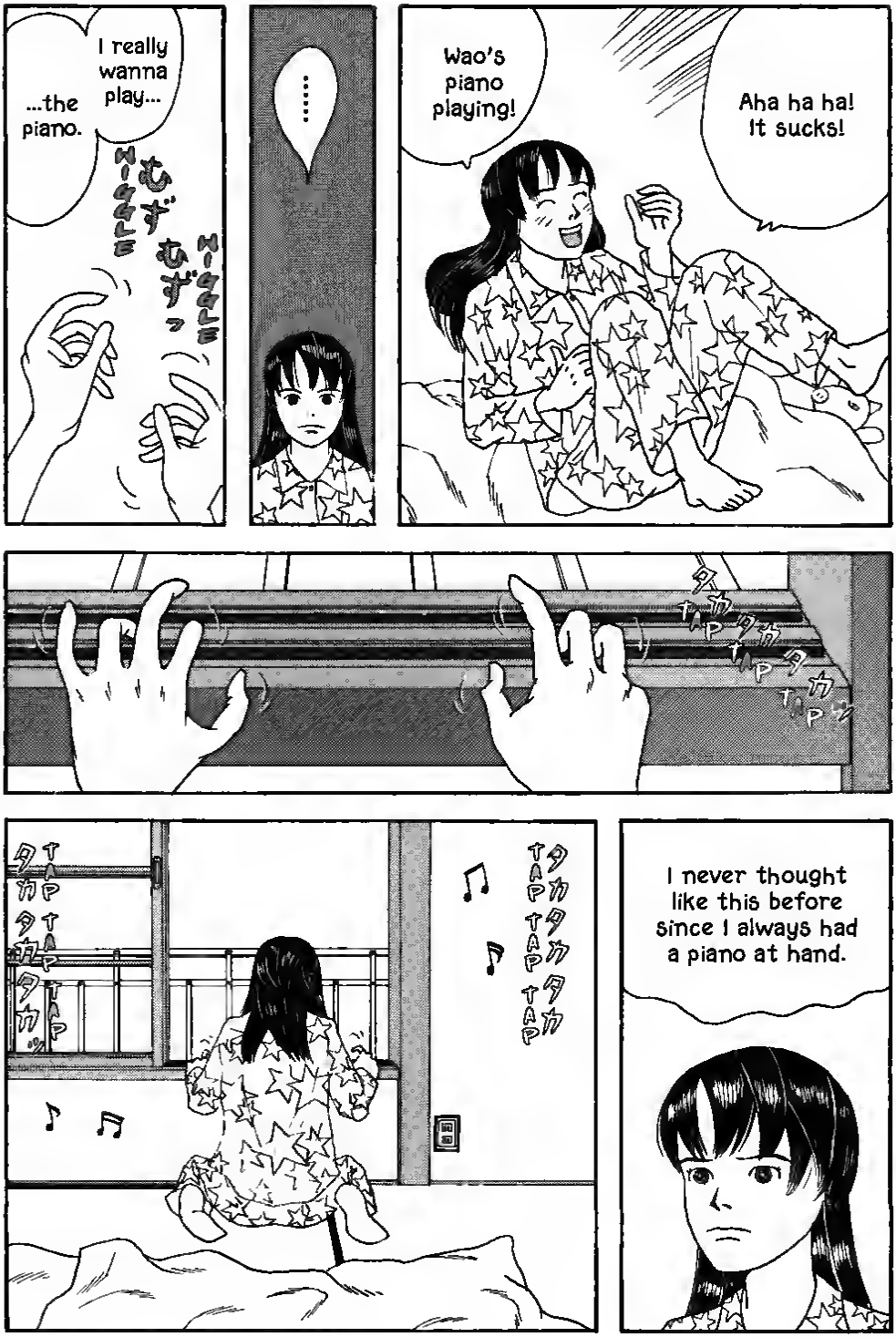

...the Steinway and our precious house! Aaaah!
MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER I'm sorry, Dear. I couldn't protect...

Mama, you awake?
MUTTER
MUTTER


I can hear Wao's piano.
Hey.

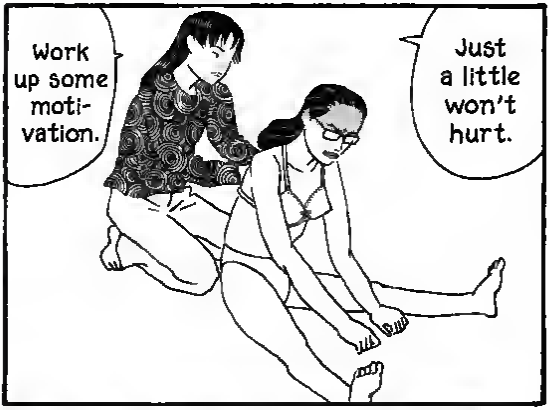
You're still saying that stuff?


Making me listen to that thing all day's gonna rot my brain!
Quit playing the stupid piano!
KIKUNA GROCERY
RATTLE
Damn old hag! I always play during reasonable hours!

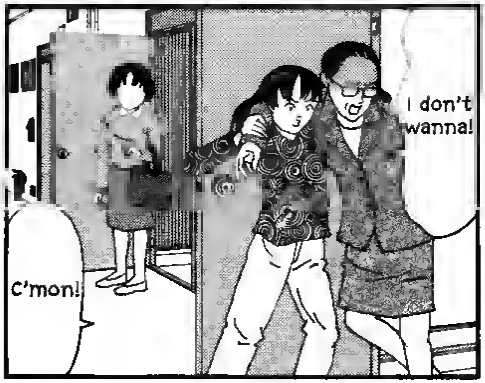

I really wanna play...
...the piano.
むずむず
WIGGLE
WIGGLE
.....
Wao's piano playing!
Aha ha ha! It sucks!
タカタカ TAP TAP TAP TAP
タカタカ TAP TAP TAP TAP
I never thought like this before since I always had a piano at hand.

No way! I don't want to go outside!
Go outside!
You'll rot if you stay in the house all the time.

Oh, yeah! I'll go play the piano at Wao's place!


Work up some motivation.
Just a little won't hurt.

Take your clothes off yourself.
Geez!
ズル ズル ズル ズル・・・
SLIP SLIP SLIP SLIP


I don't wanna!
C'mon!

Seriously!

This is just a temporary residence while our mansion is being renovated. Ho ho ho!
You're wrong.
You must be the ones who moved in.
Oh, my.
Hmph! What a dirty apartment!
Yeah, yeah. Let's go.
Maybe two to three years. Anyway, it's a stately mansion!
One year... No.
It's squalid and messy...
I hate shopping districts!
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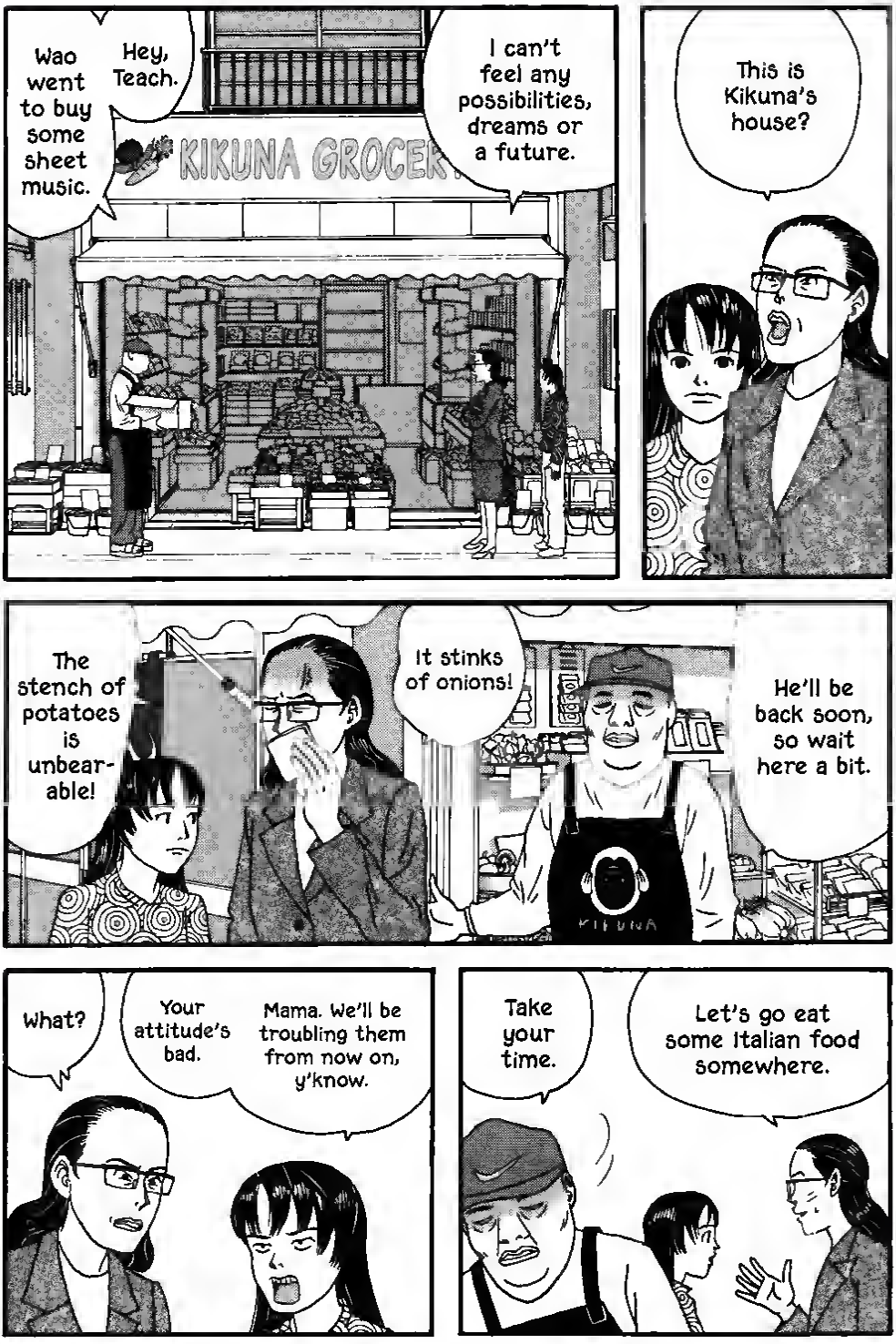
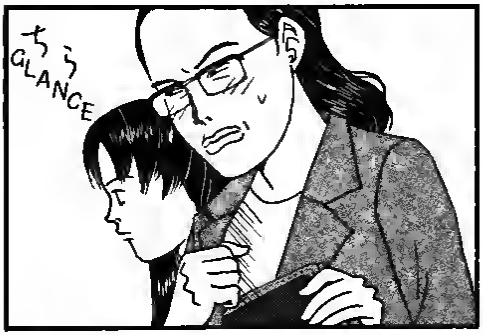
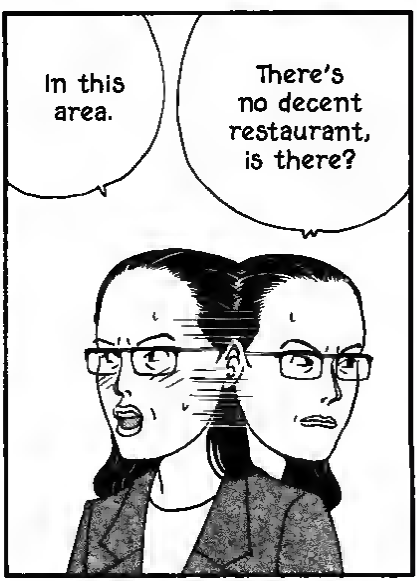

Wao went to buy some sheet music.
Hey, Teach.
KIKUNA GROCER
I can't feel any possibilities, dreams or a future.
This is Kikuna's house?
The stench of potatoes is unbearable!
It stinks of onions!
He'll be back soon, so wait here a bit.
What?
Your attitude's bad.
Mama. We'll be troubling them from now on, y'know.
Take your time.
Let's go eat some Italian food somewhere.

Hmph.
Choose carefully who you associate with.
You're a world-class pianist!


GLANCE

!

This calls for an emergency measure.
I suppose we have no choice.
TURN

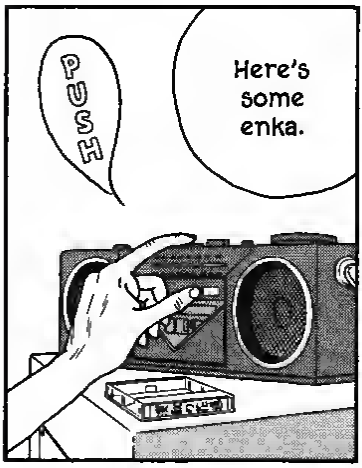

In this area.
There's no decent restaurant, is there?

...for this child?
Can you make one serving of buckwheat noodles...

Welcome!

...'cause we have no money?
Are you holding yourself back...

I'll just have a strand of noodle.
What about you, Mama?


PUSH
Here's some enka.

What a nice story!
You're the one who's hungrier, Mama...
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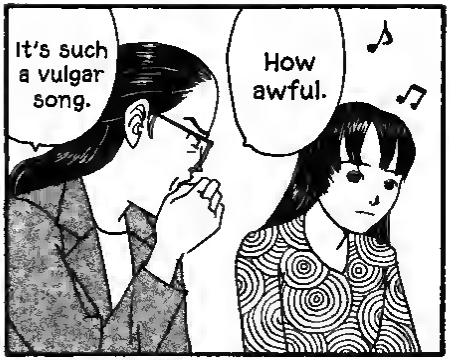
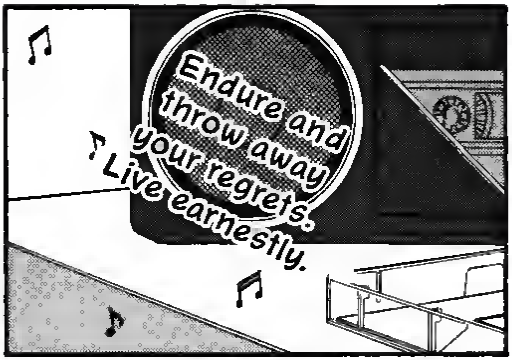
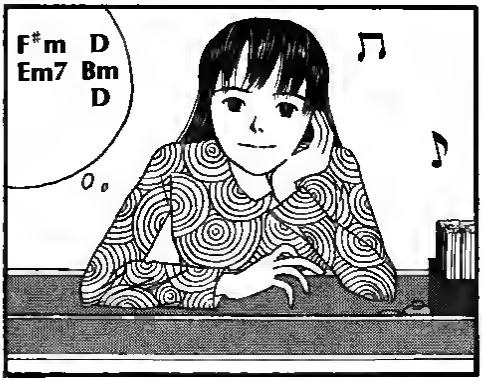

It's such a vulgar song.
How awful.


Endure and throw away your regrets.
Live earnestly.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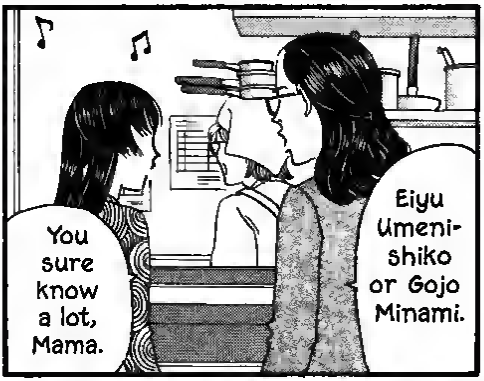
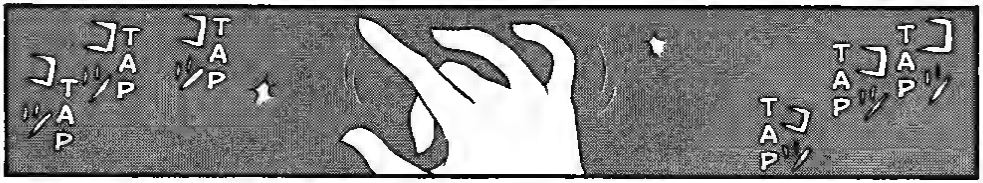
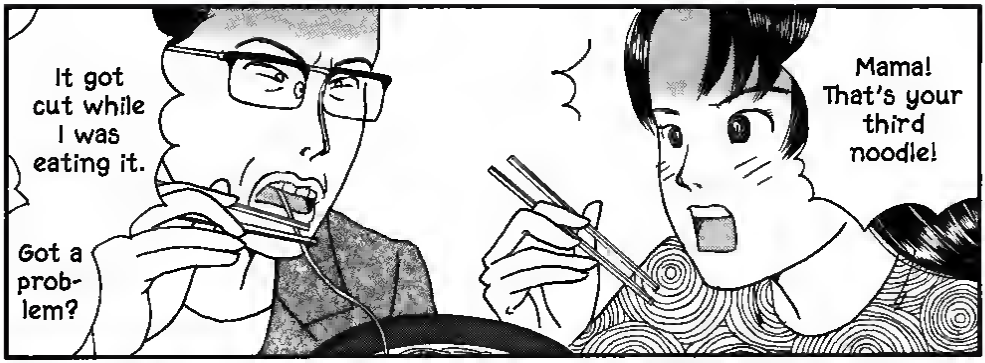
Em7 Bm
D


You sure know a lot, Mama.
Eiyu Umeni-shiko or Gojo Minami.

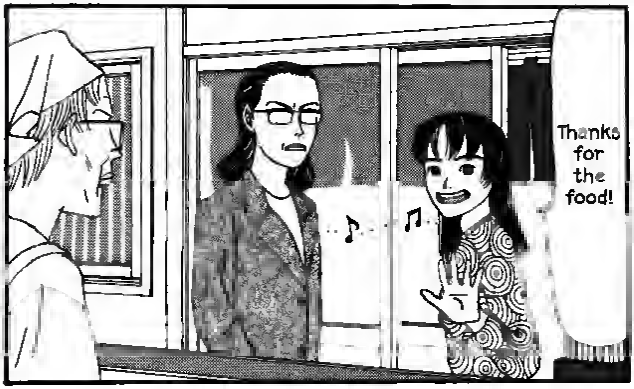

TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP

Huh?
Your elementary-student teacher came.

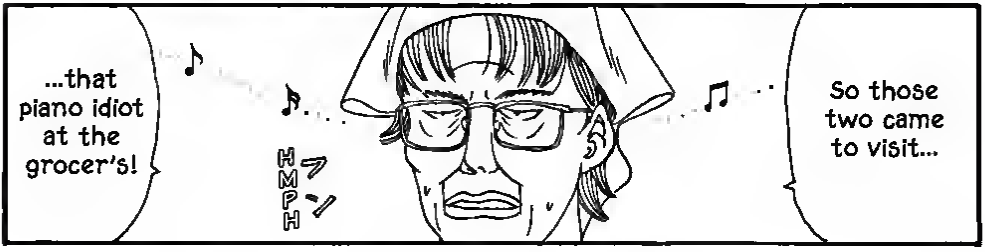
I'm back.

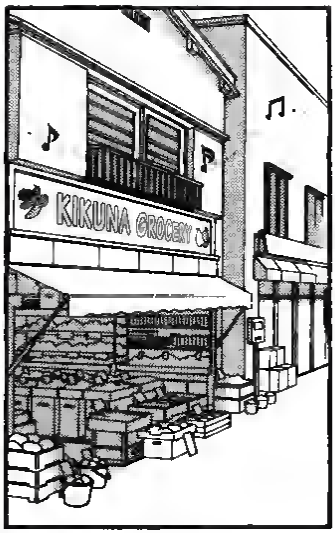

It got cut while I was eating it.
Got a problem?
Mama! That's your third noodle!

Which one of us is shameful ?!
You're really shameful!


Thanks for the food!

Ah! That's Wao's piano!


...that piano idiot at the grocer's!
HMPH フン
So those two came to visit...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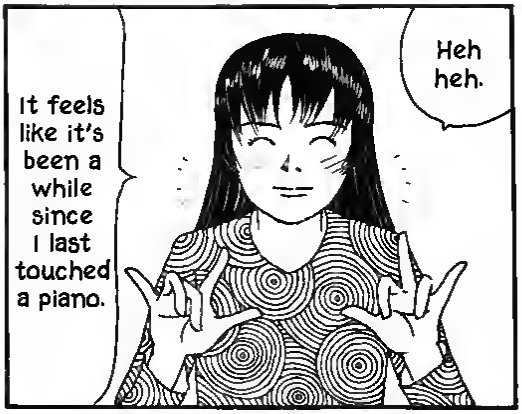
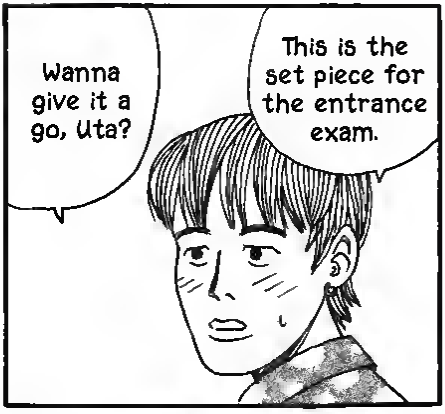
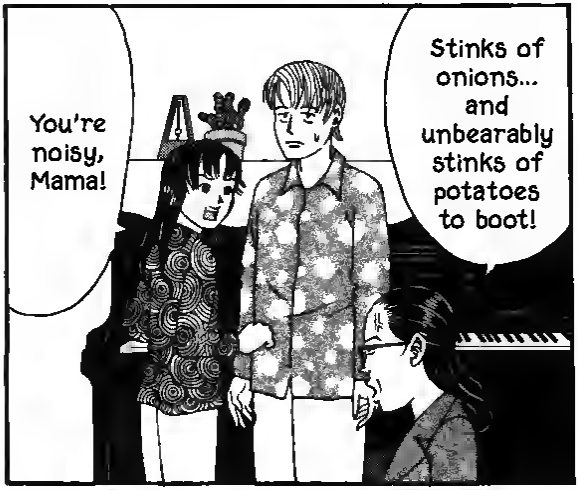
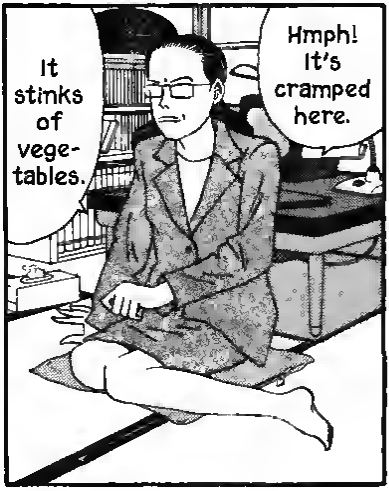

It feels like it's been a while since I last touched a piano.
Heh heh.


Wanna give it a go, Uta?
This is the set piece for the entrance exam.


You're noisy, Mama!
Stinks of onions... and unbearably stinks of potatoes to boot!


It stinks of vege-tables.
Hmph! It's cramped here.

Now, now, Granny.
It's because of this that there are murders by piano!
KIKUNA
Do something about that stupid piano of that stupid son of yours!
すー
FWISH
Damn. That old hag's here to complain again.
Uta!

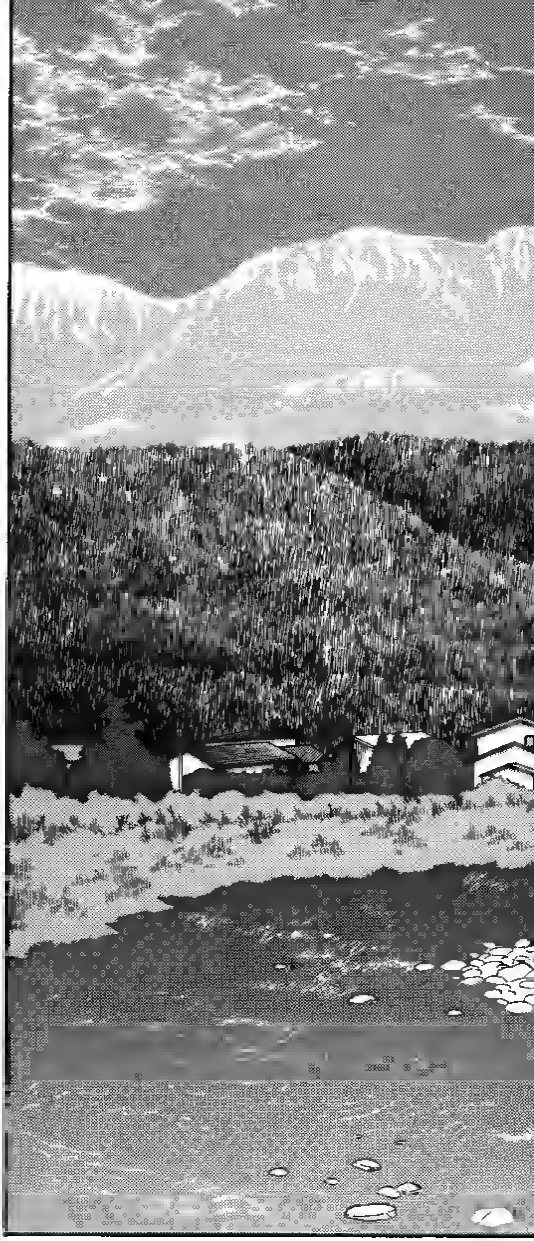
Is that your stupid son playing?
H-Hey!
Huh? That's-!
That's-!
ガラッ RATTLE
Hey, Granny! Who said you could go up there?!

IT'S THE CHIKUMA RIVER!

LIKE THE FLOW OF THE RIVER...
AAAHHH!

SLOWLY...

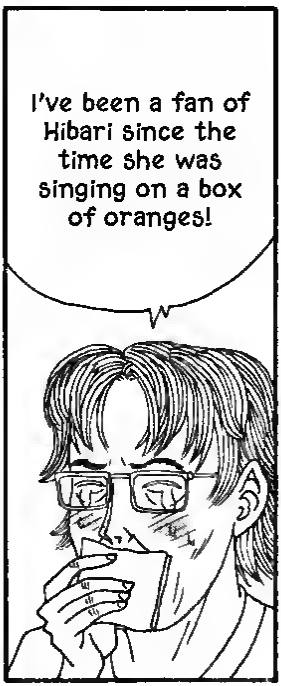
I WANT TO ENTRUST THIS BODY TO IT...



IT'S MY HOMETOWN!

SLAP ペシッ
Idiot!
Huh? This song...

THIS CHILD IS A GENIUS AFTER HIBARI!
TO MAKE ME CRY THIS MUCH...


I've been a fan of Hibari since the time she was singing on a box of oranges!

AT ANY RATE, THE OLD HAG STOPPED COMPLAINING ABOUT THE PIANO AFTER THAT.
HMPH!

Ow!
SLAP ペシッ
Have her give you lessons!

Chapter 18 The Musicians Song

Let's go to school!
Uta!
A friend from my new school.
She's Matsuko.
A friend ?
My, my.
Matsu-ko's a nice girl.
You'll be taught bad things by bad friends and become a bad kid...
ペコリ BOW
She seems slow-witted from the looks of her. Unre-fined.

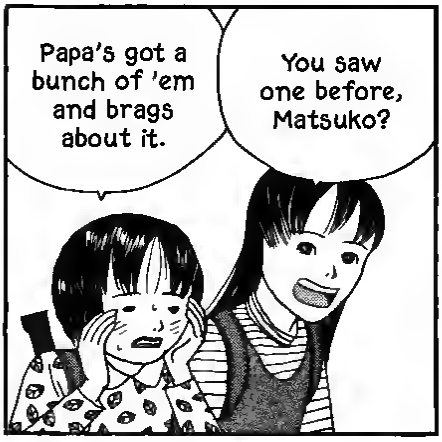
I wish your compulsory education would hurry up and be done with.
This school district's no good!
I'm off!
SOBA
Yeah?
Hey, Uta.
Huh?
Were you popular at your previous school?
You're pretty.

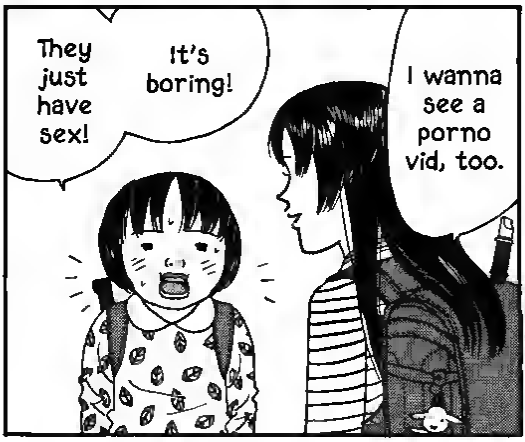
I was hated.
I sucked at making friends.
And I hated losing to guys.
Papa said so.
A man's heart?
Types like that tickle a man's heart!
Hey, Uta.
You got someone you like?
Huh?
Geez, Uta!
You can't ask me that!
Wah!
PUSH
Do you, Matsuko?

It's Nakanose...
BLUSH
Yay!
Huh? Aren't those guys from our class?
VIDEO
VIDEO RENTAL

That's...
...a porno vid store.

Don't, Uta!
Wonder if there's something interesting there.

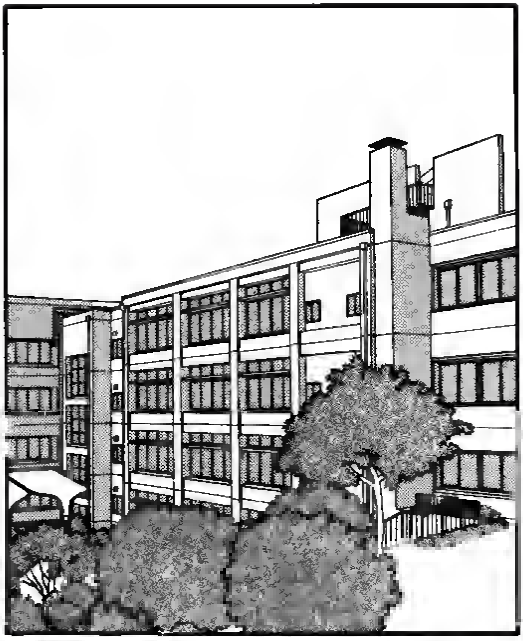

You saw one before, Matsuko?
Papa's got a bunch of 'em and brags about it.


I wanna see a porno vid, too.
It's boring!
They just have sex!

Hey! That's bad!
You can't do that!
RIP
Backpack drop!
Your underwear's totally exposed!
Hah ha!
Wah!

ガツン
WHAK
Argh!
Hmph!
That was nothin'!
...she punched him!
Just 'cause he saw her underwear...
Th-The hell?
Wish he'd pull down my backpack, too...
None of the guys have the guts to hit Nakanose!
W-Wow, Uta!

Why?
It'd be bad if the other girls found out about what just happened.

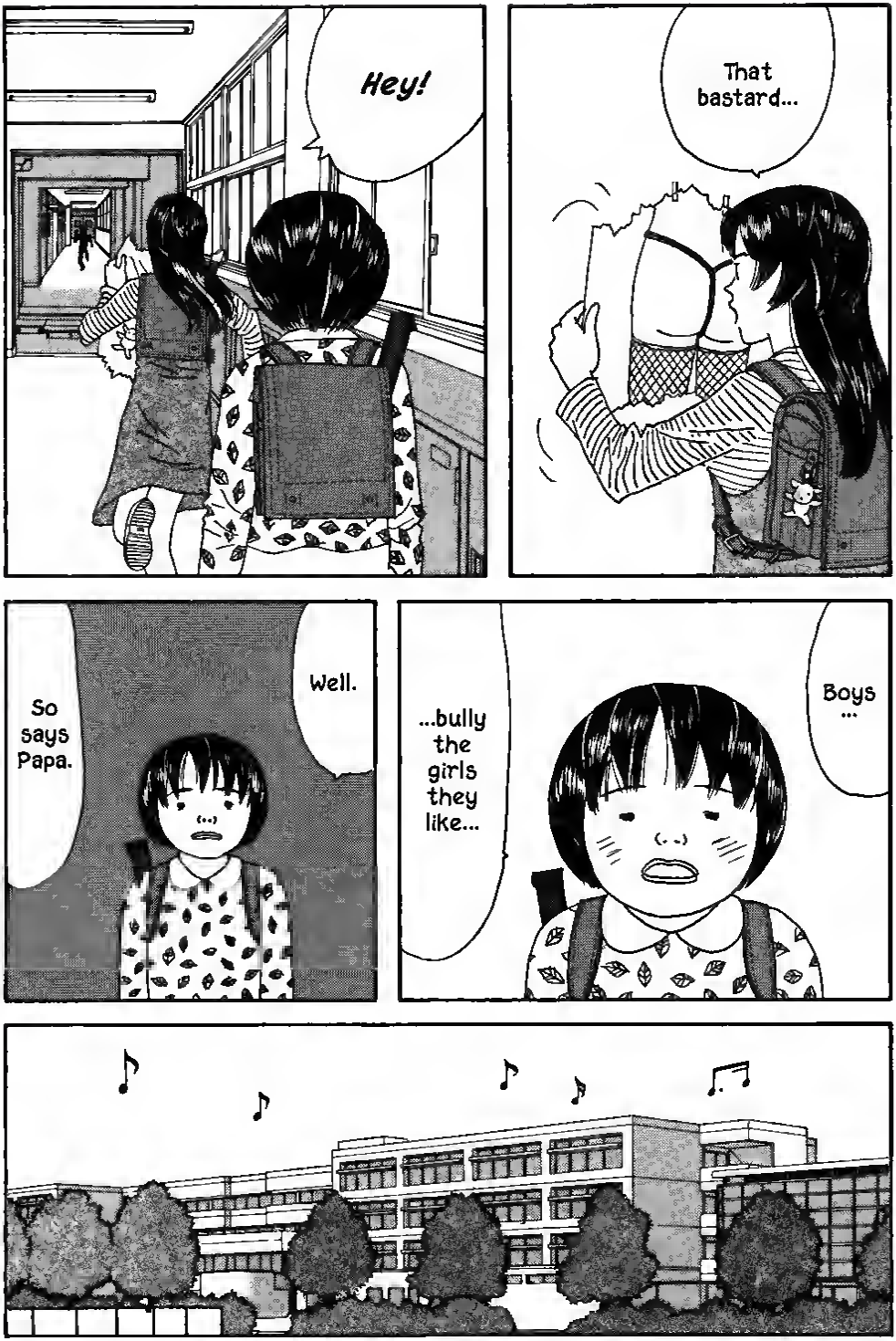


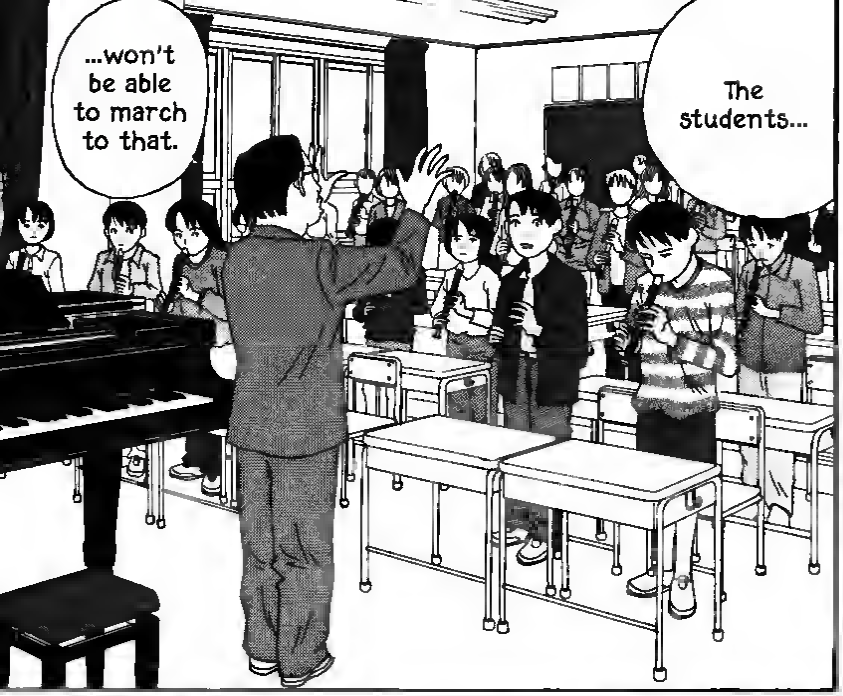
His dad's the drummer for this band called Multi-Max.
They've been on TV and stuff.

That punk is?
Nakanose's super popular.

Right...
He was super cool when he played the drums during the sports and arts festivals.
Nakanose's even been the leader of the drum and fife band since elementary school began.

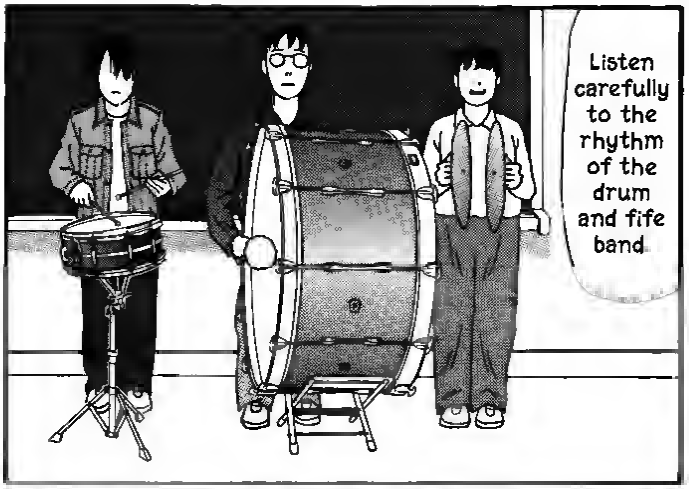
Payback!
Hah hah! Bleh!
THUD
!
What's with that guy?
Ah!
Huh?
CHUCKLE くす
CHUCKLE くす
CHUCKLE くす

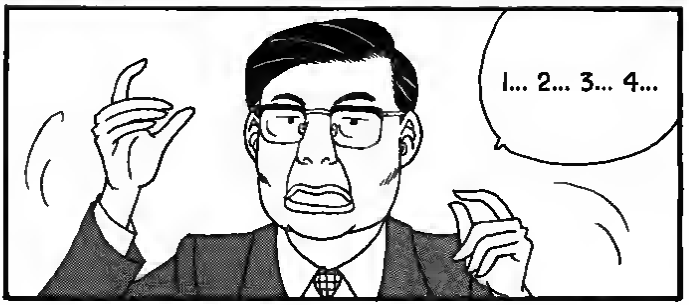

Hey!
That bastard...
Well.
So says Papa.
...bully the girls they like...
Boys ...


...won't be able to march to that.
The students...

No! No!

TAP
TMP
TAP
TMP


Listen carefully to the rhythm of the drum and fife band.

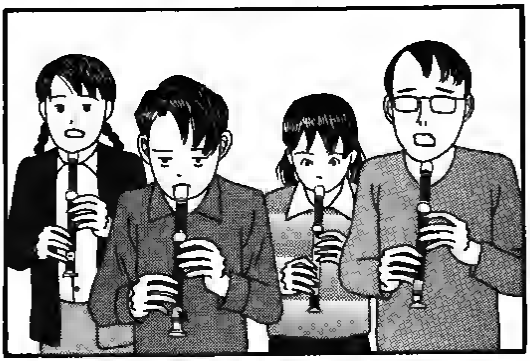

1... 2... 3... 4...

Keep it up!
That's it!
marcato
Right?
Cool!
It's monotonous...
...and boring.
Who's playing a different song?
Who is it?

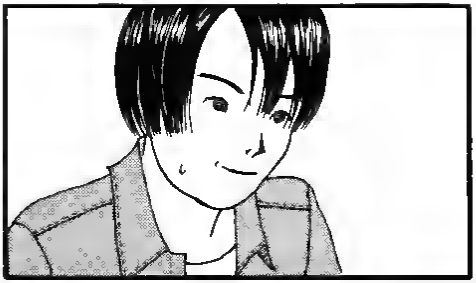
Amazing stick work!
Nakanose!

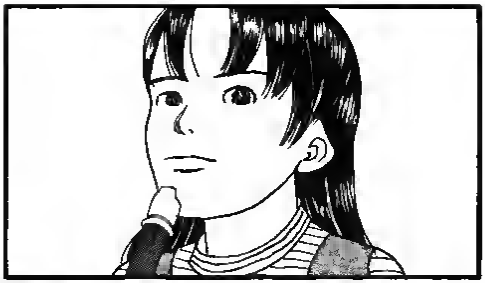
タ T-T-TMP
タ T-TMP
タ T-T-TMP
タ T-TMP
タ T-T-TMP
タ T-TMP

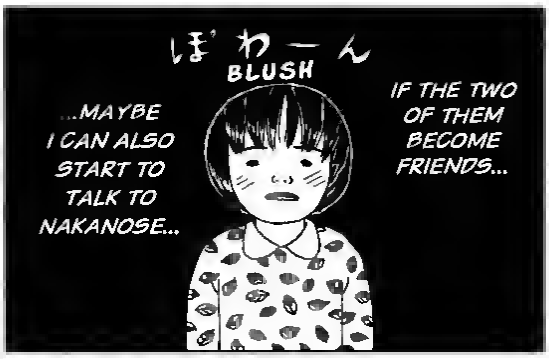
Keep it up!
Just like that!



A-AMAZING...
IT'S JUST LIKE A JAZZ SESSION!



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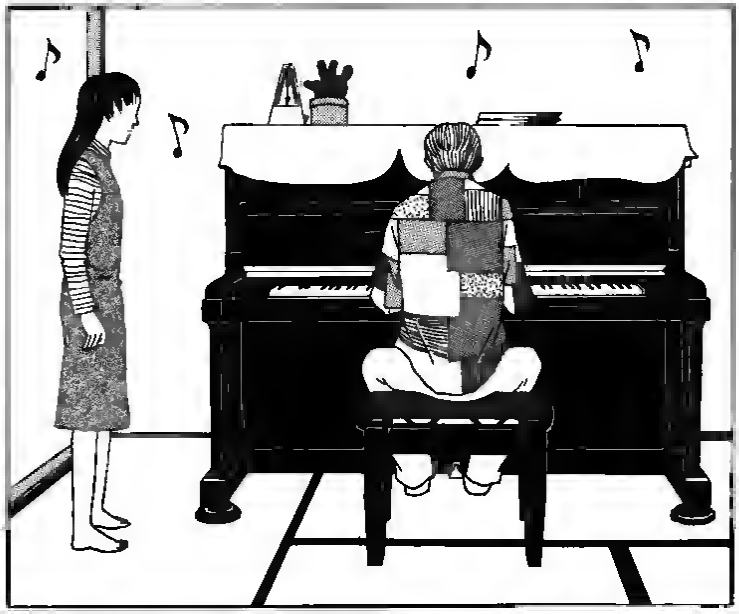
BLUSH
...MAYBE I CAN ALSO START TO TALK TO NAKANOSE...
IF THE TWO OF THEM BECOME FRIENDS...

MY HEART KINDA RACED A BIT.



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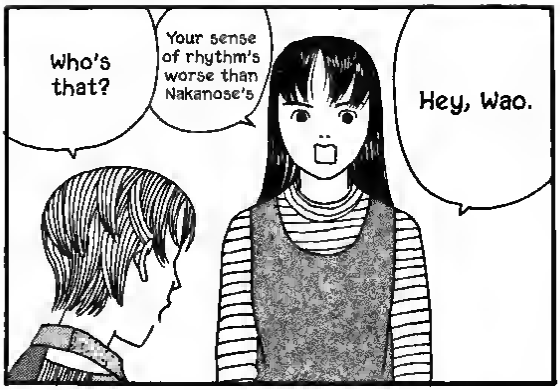

Who's that?
Your sense of rhythm's worse than Nakanose's
Hey, Wao.

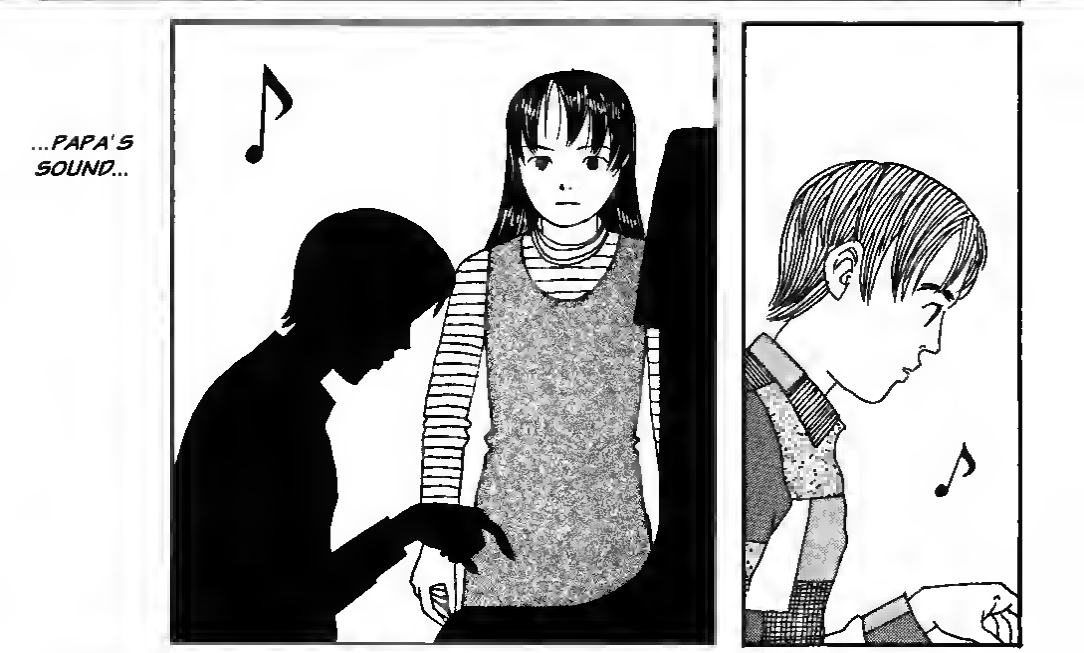
Stop.
Hmm...

Stupid!
You interested in him?
Oh, yeah?
Of course not!

There's this guy at my school who's good on the drums.

Get off it.
Wao's crappy piano is always quiet and subdued.
That guy's drumming gets people worked up.
Can you listen to it?
This C note's weird.
Wonder if it's the summer heat.
This here.
Hey...
Ah!

IT SOUNDS LIKE..

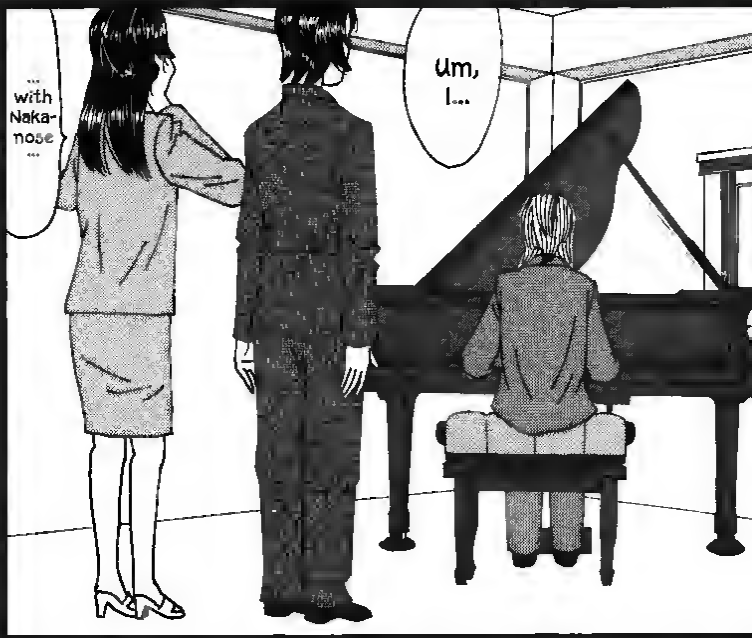

...PAPA'S SOUND...

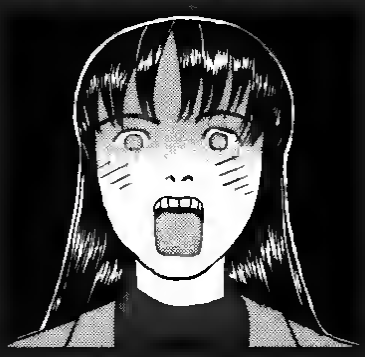
Chapter 19 The Confession Song

Nice to meet you.
This is Nakanose.

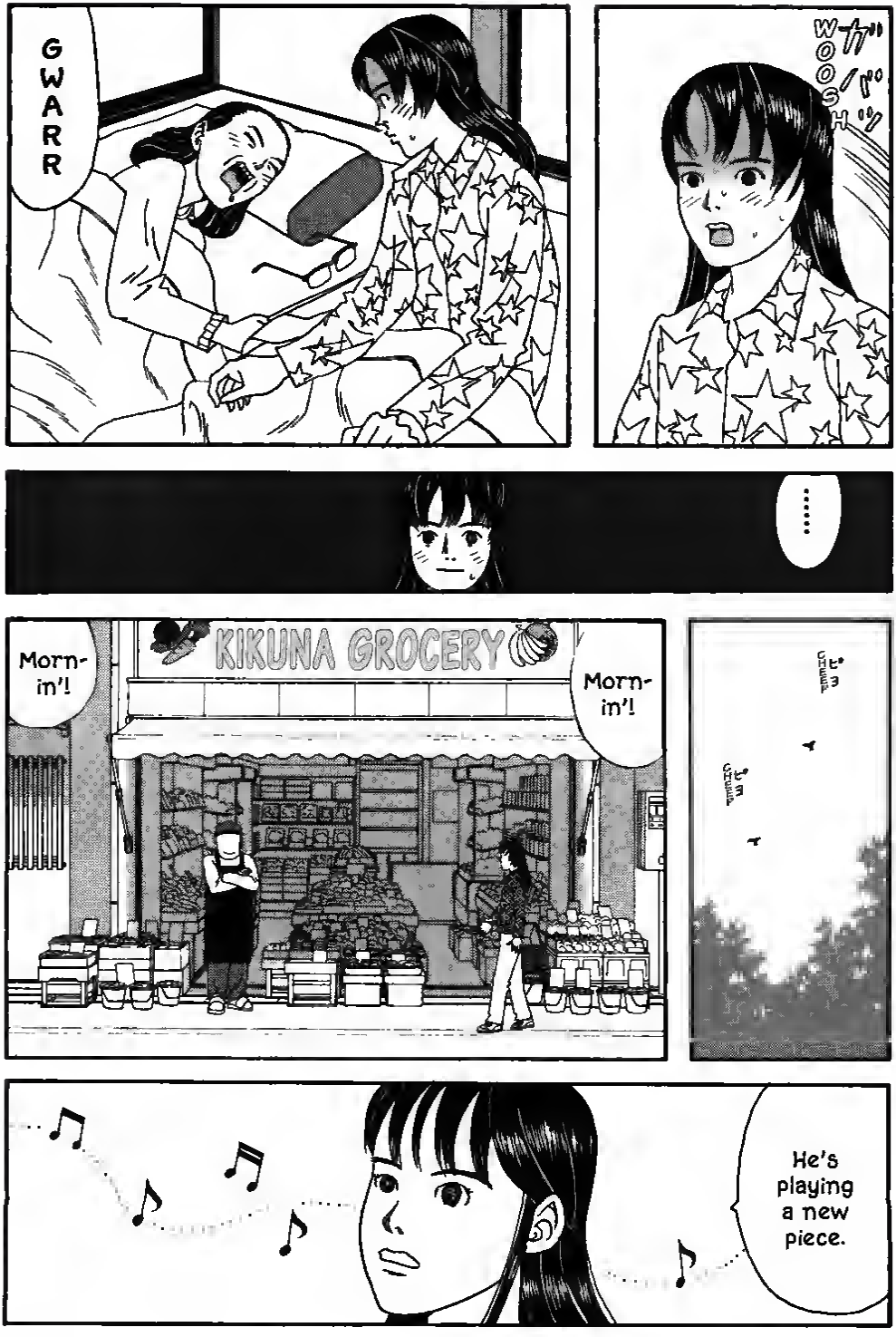
Papa! Papa!

Is it OK if we get married?

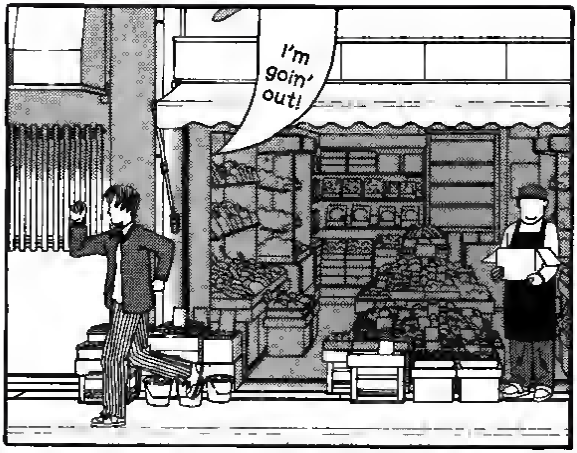

... with Naka-nose ...
Um, I...

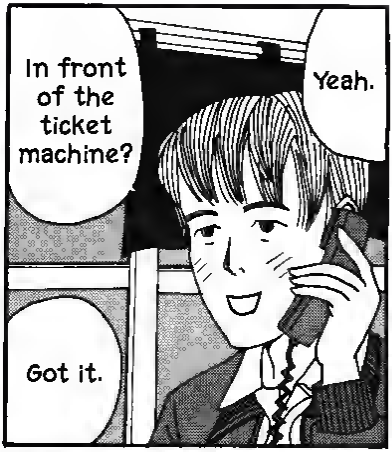


Sure.
くるっ FWIP


GWARR
WOOSH
.....
KIKUNA GROCERY
Morn-in'!
Morn-in'!
CHIRP
CHIRP
He's playing a new piece.

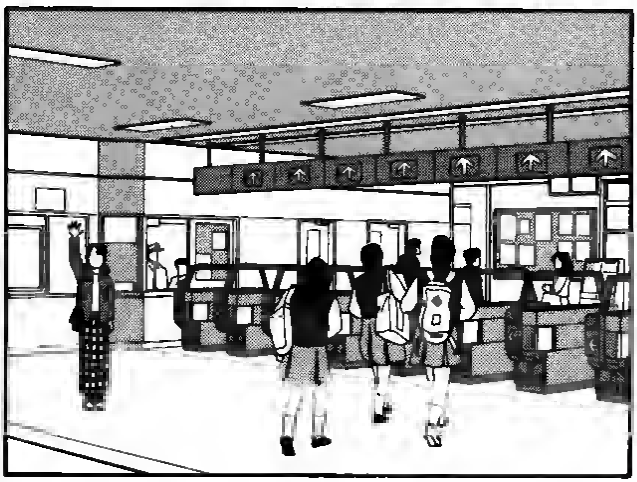
FLINCH
Is that one also for the entrance exam?
Play it! Play it!
Don't come up without warning!
Nah.
I was playing it for fun.
Go ahead and practice.
Guess I won't be playing anymore today.
I'll play it for you later.
Wao! Phone!


I'm goin' out!

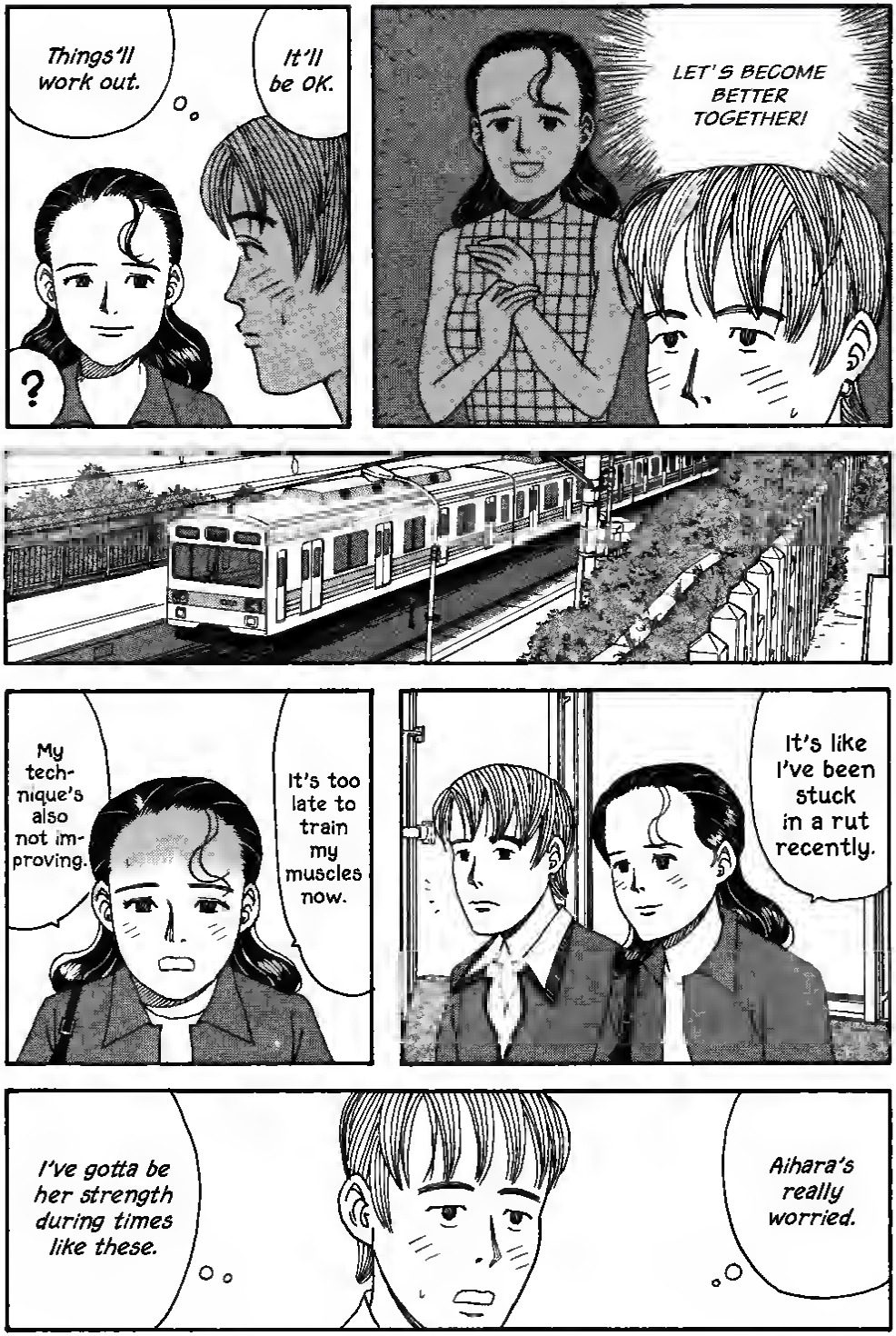

In front of the ticket machine?
Yeah.
Got it.

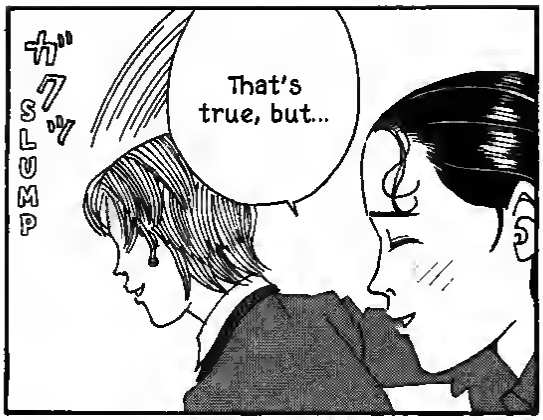
.....

TODAY'S THE DAY!
I'VE GOTTA SAY IT!

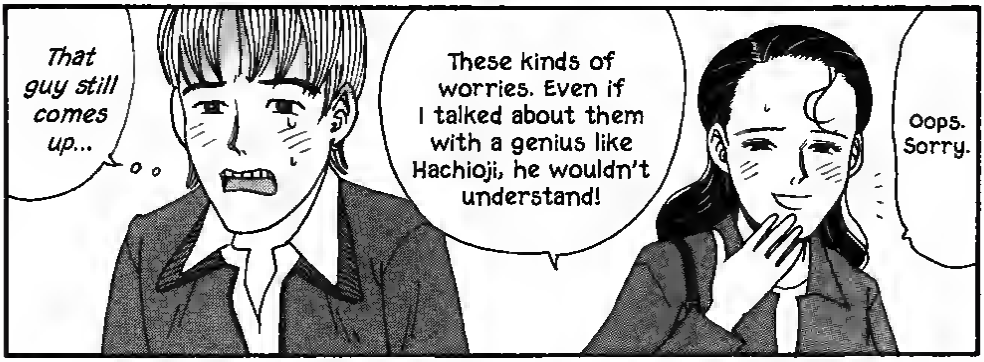


...IF I DID THAT, HACHIOJI'D GET A HEAD START.
I THOUGHT I'D DO IT AFTER THE ENTRANCE EXAM, BUT...

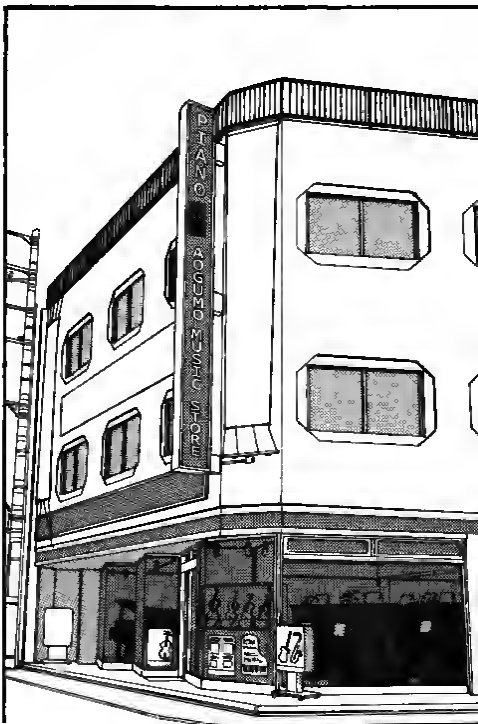

Things'll work out.
It'll be OK.
?
LET'S BECOME BETTER TOGETHER!
My technique's also not improving.
It's too late to train my muscles now.
It's like I've been stuck in a rut recently.
I've gotta be her strength during times like these.
Aihara's really worried.


SLUMP
That's true, but...

Compared to me, your playing is several steps ahead.
You'll be fine.

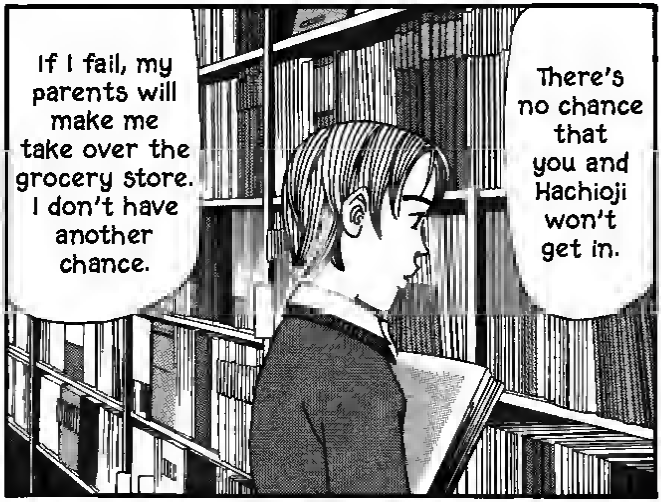

That guy still comes up...
These kinds of worries. Even if I talked about them with a genius like Hachioji, he wouldn't understand!
Oops. Sorry.

I guess you probably don't want to talk to me since you're older.
You sure you're OK? You've just been listening to me talk.


PIANO AOYUMO MUSIC STORE

...both of you were practicing Chopin.
When I started Bayer in Professor Ayagi's class seven years ago...
Even if I'm older, I'll always be your junior at the piano.

I'm sorry, Kikuna-kun. I acted like I was the only one suffering...

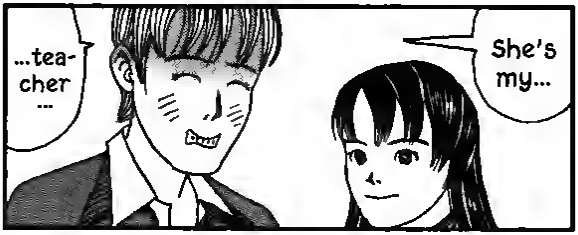

If I fail, my parents will make me take over the grocery store. I don't have another chance.
There's no chance that you and Hachioji won't get in.

Hey, Wao!

I want to help you, Aihara, so...
Don't worry about it.

I came!
Your dad said you'd probably be here.
Argh!
Who's this? What a cute kid.

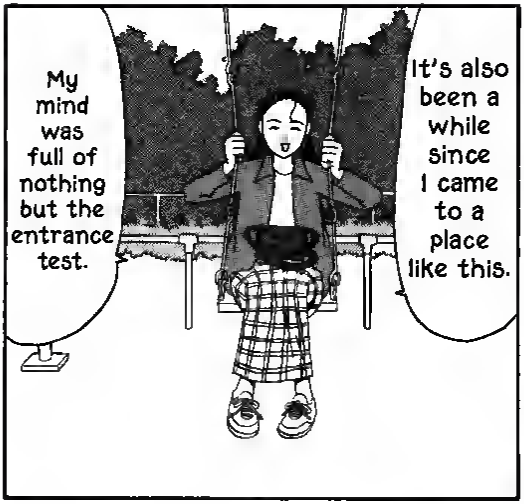
Tea ...?


She's my...
...tea-cher ...

I'll have an espresso.
Me, too.

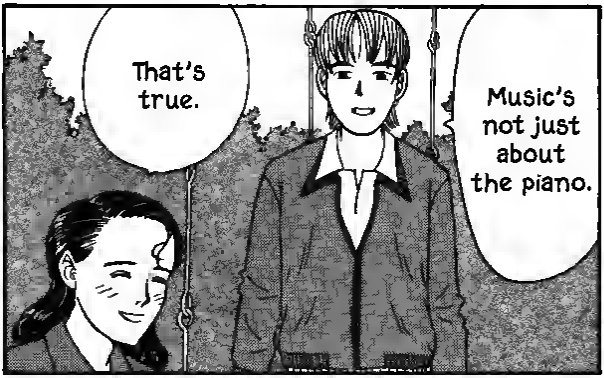
I'll...
...have the large special parfait!

Who do you think helped you get better?!
You think I'm gonna treat you?
Huh?
I'll have a special parfait, too.
Don't mention it. I planned to do that when I came here.
Yeah, sorry!
Sorry, Kikuna-kun. You ended up treating us.
Geez!
You're such a brat.
Hey, Wao! Let's go play in that park!

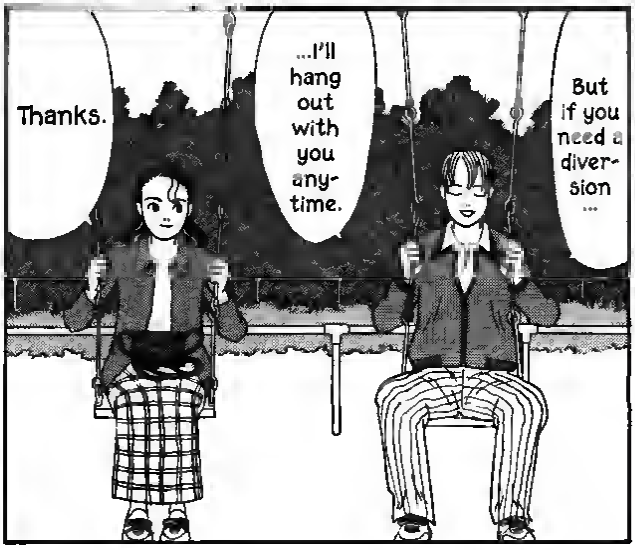

My mind was full of nothing but the entrance test.
It's also been a while since I came to a place like this.

I like that kid.
Not at all. I'm having a good time.
Sorry things turned out like this.

I can't help you with the piano, Aihara.

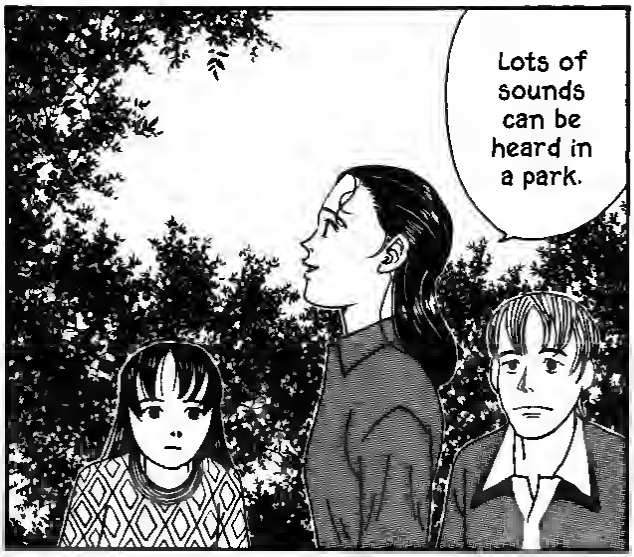

That's true.
Music's not just about the piano.

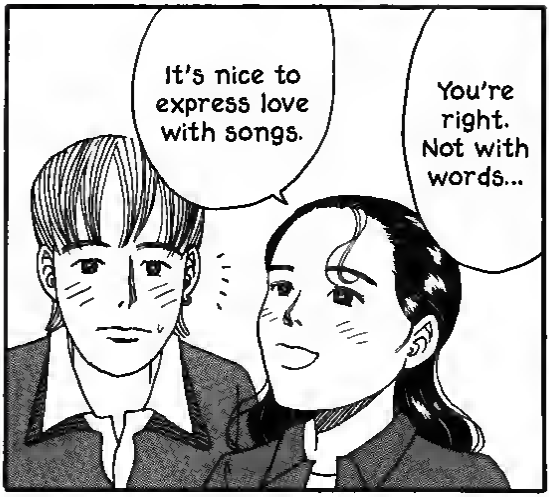
I...
Wao!

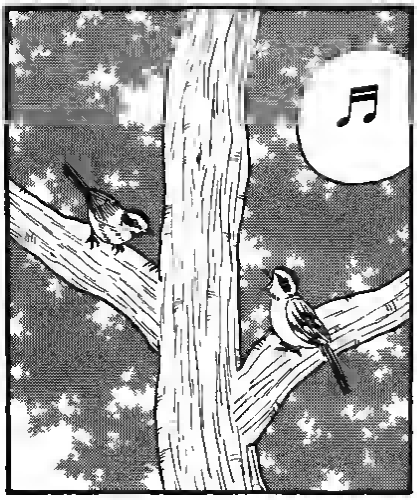

Thanks.
...I'll hang out with you anytime.
But if you need a diversion...

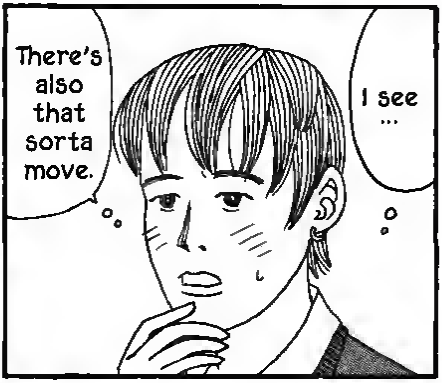
Stupid! Like I'd know how!
Help!
The sand mountain's collapsing!
.....
Aihara ...
I'll be right there!
AHAHAHAHA

Ah! There's a pair of birds dating.

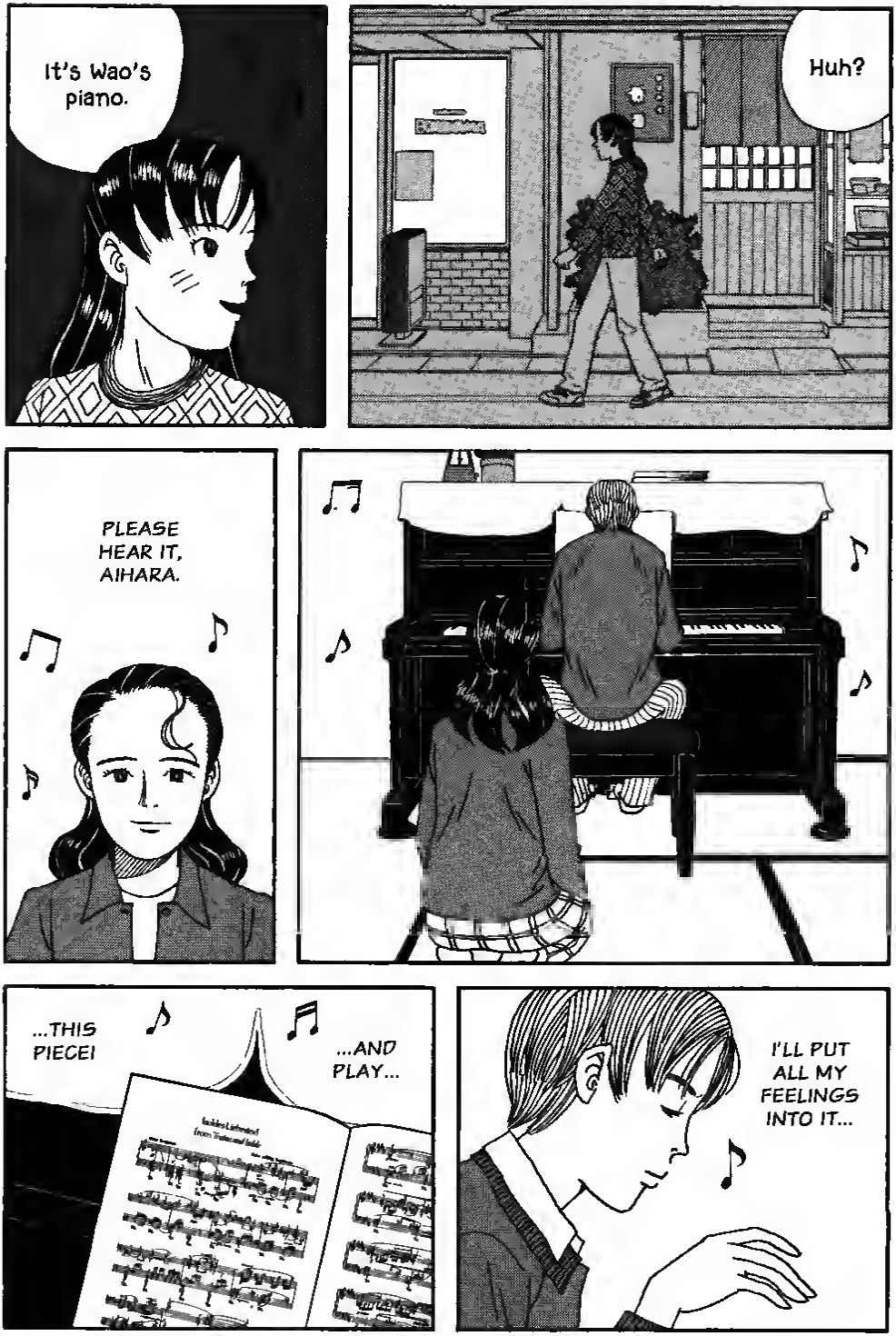

Lots of sounds can be heard in a park.


It's nice to express love with songs.
You're right. Not with words...

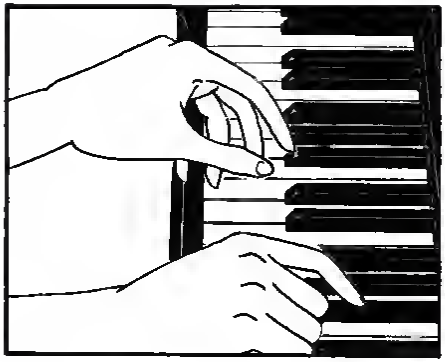


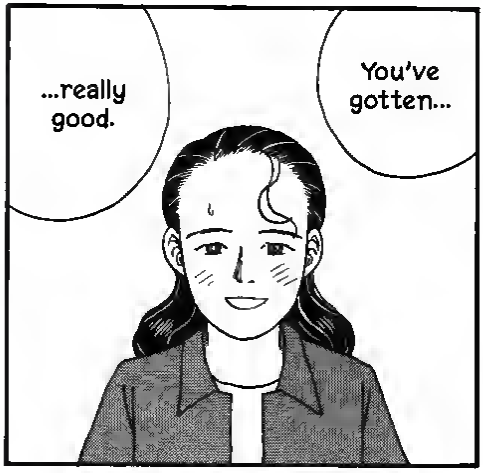

There's also that sorta move.
I see ...

.....
I feel better thanks to you two.
Thanks.
Yeah...
See ya!
Welp. Mama's waiting for me!
Aihara, wait!
Kikuna-kun?
I want you to come to my place and listen to my piano for a bit.

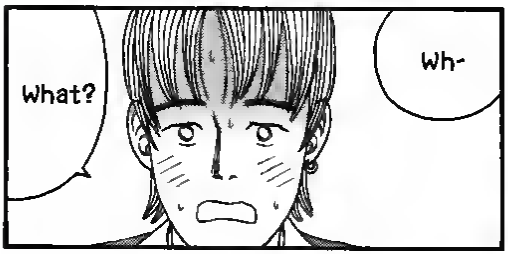

It's Wao's piano.
Huh?
PLEASE HEAR IT, AIHARA.
...THIS PIECE!
...AND PLAY...
I'LL PUT ALL MY FEELINGS INTO IT...

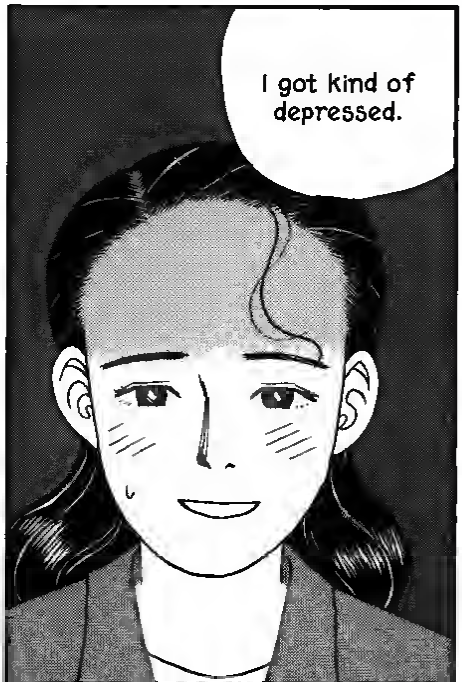
WHA—?!
KIKUNA GROCERY

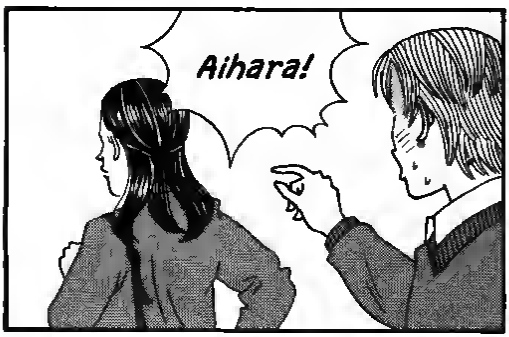


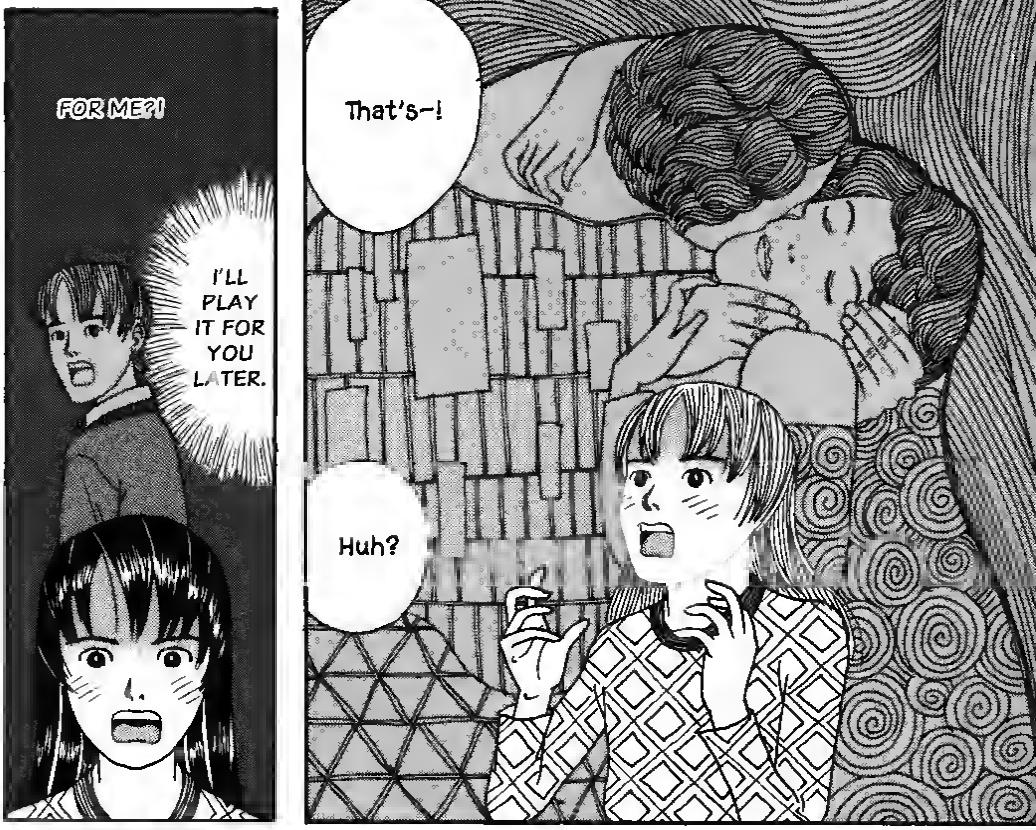

You've gotten...
...really good.

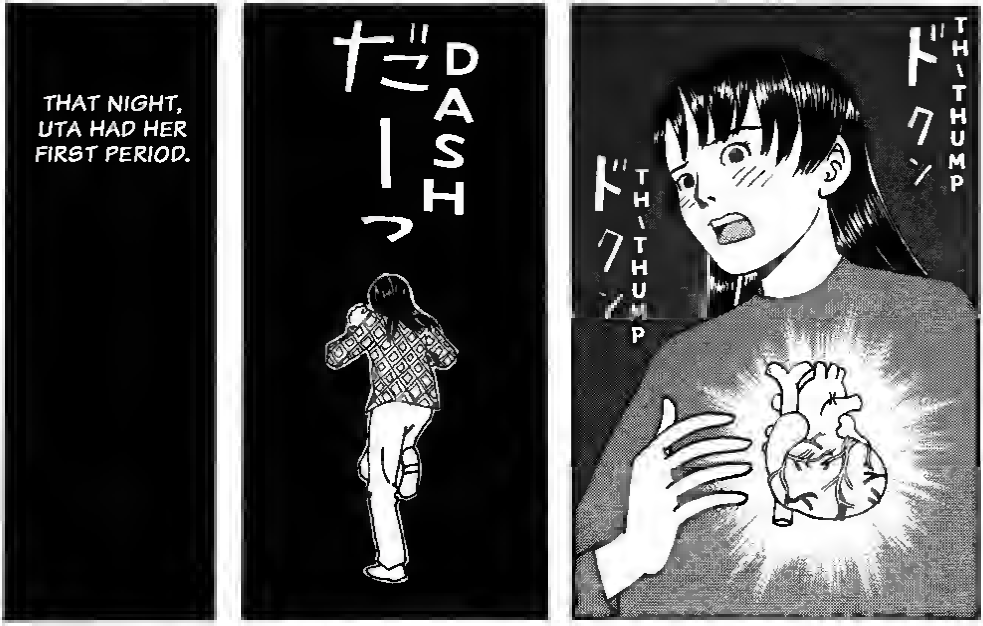
Kikuna-kun...
TH-THUMP


Wh-
What?

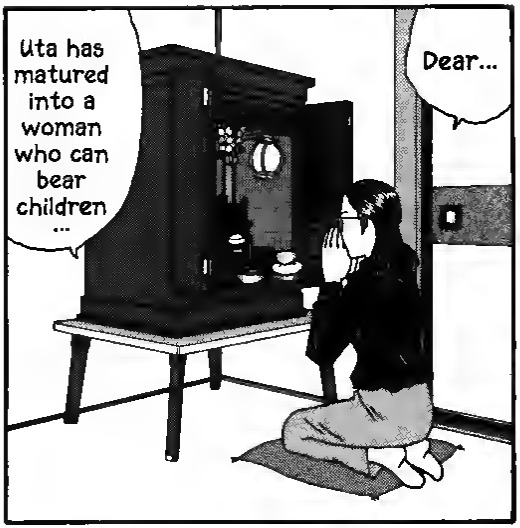

I got kind of depressed.

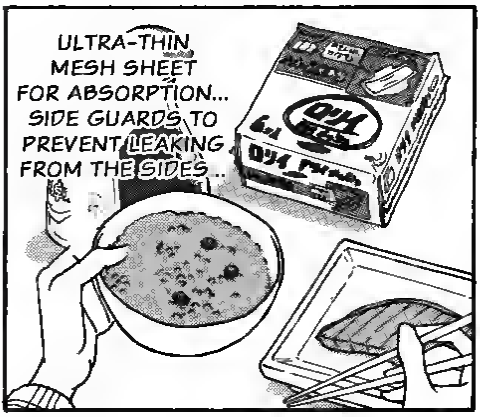

Aihara!


FOR ME?!
I'LL PLAY IT FOR YOU LATER.
That's-!
Huh?

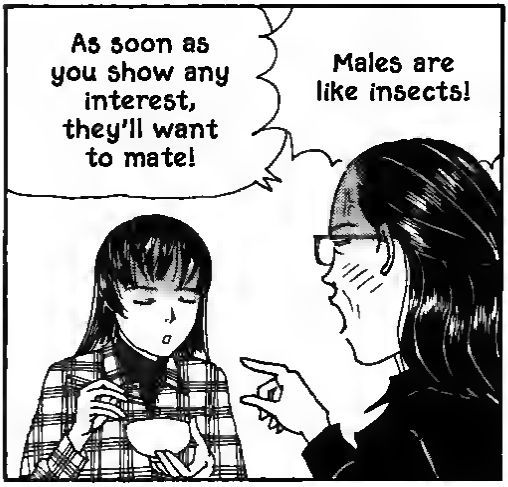

THAT NIGHT, UTA HAD HER FIRST PERIOD.
DASH だーっ
THUMP ドクン
THUMP ドクン

Chapter 13 The Adulthood Song


Uta has matured into a woman who can bear children ...
Dear...

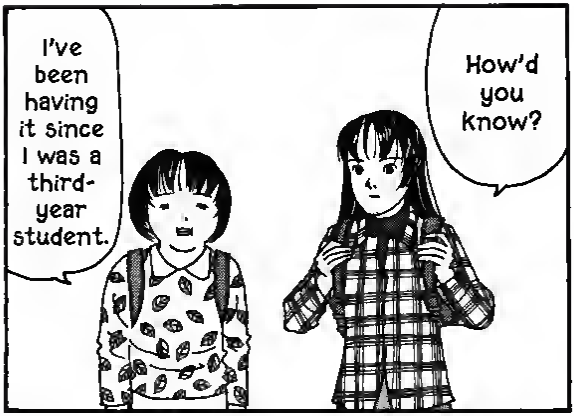

ULTRA-THIN MESH SHEET FOR ABSORPTION... SIDE GUARDS TO PREVENT LEAKING FROM THE SIDES ..

ぼんやり
DAZE
ポタ
DROP

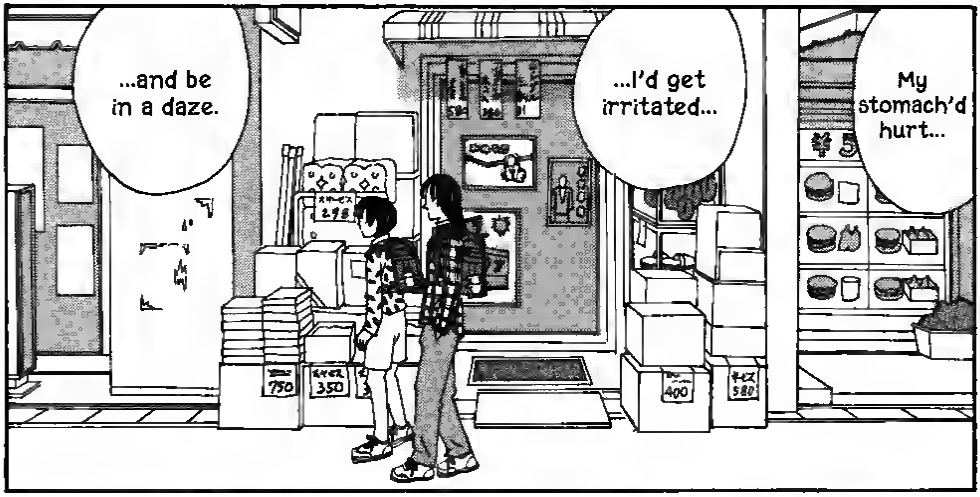

As soon as you show any interest, they'll want to mate!
Males are like insects!

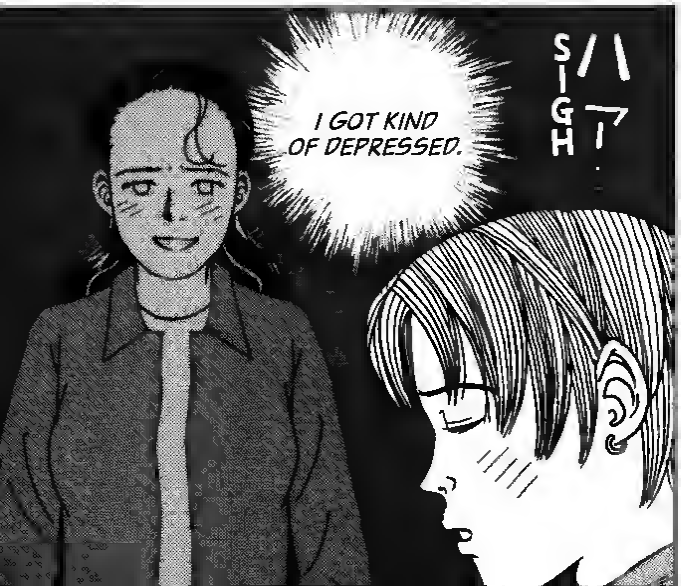
From now on, don't carelessly get close to males!
Got it?
キッ
TURN

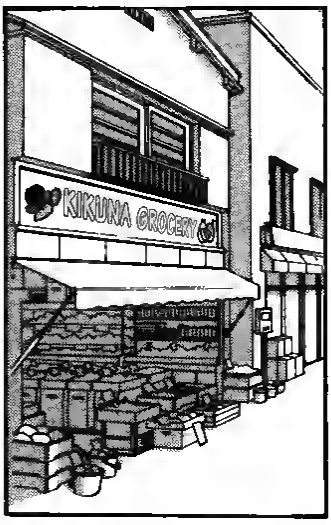
...a crow will bring an evil baby!
But if you get seduced by a bad man...
The storks bring babies.
No, wait. Of course, we originate from storks.
カア カア カア
KAW KAW KAW
カア カア カア...
KAW KAW KAW
.....
カア カア カア
KAW KAW KAW
It's all Wao's fault...
...that this happened...
Wao's piano!


I've been having it since I was a third-year student.
How'd you know?

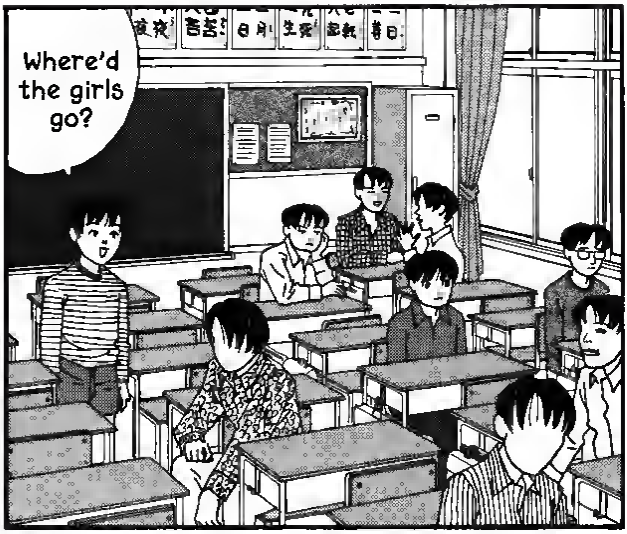
You got your period?

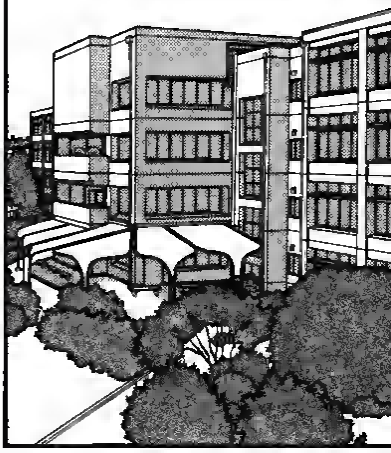

...and be in a daze.
...I'd get irritated...
My stomach'd hurt...

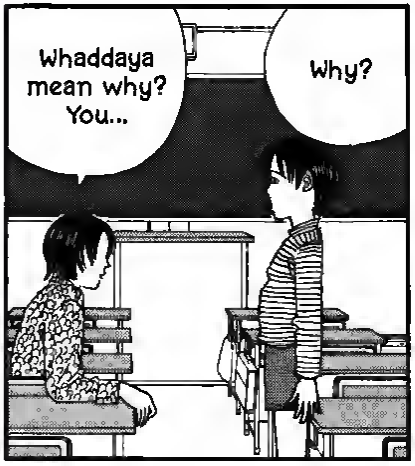

I GOT KIND OF DEPRESSED.
SIGH


KIKUNA GROCERY

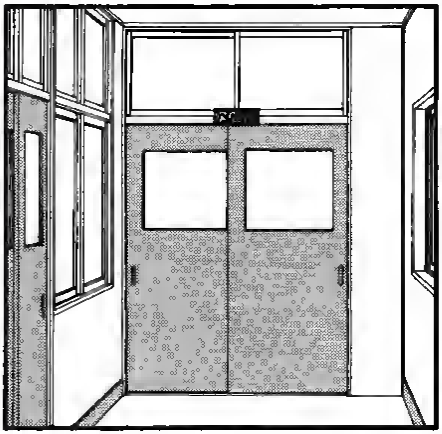
KIKUNA GROCERY
FLINCH
I just had to make her listen to my piano.
I thought it went pretty well.
カーッ
BLUSH
Hey.
What's with her?
だーっ
DASH
Hey, Uta! What happened?!

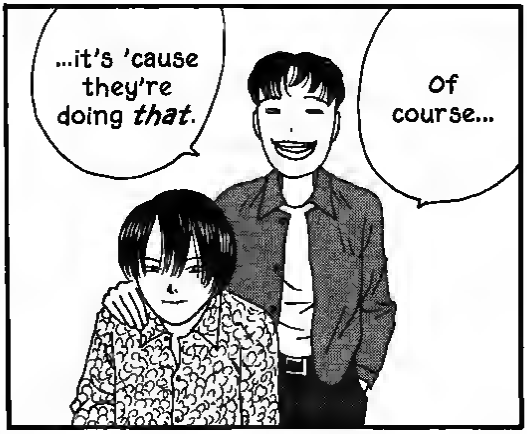

Where'd the girls go?




Why?
Whaddaya mean why? You...

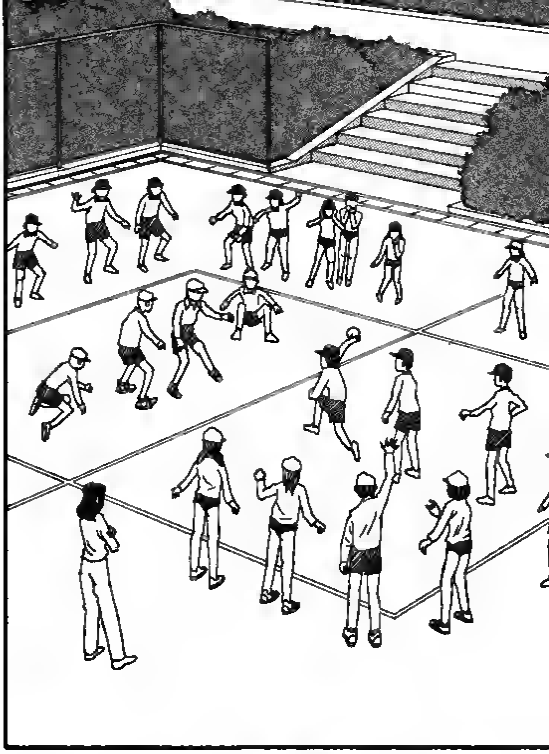
They're havin' a *health lesson*.
Girls and boys are separate today.

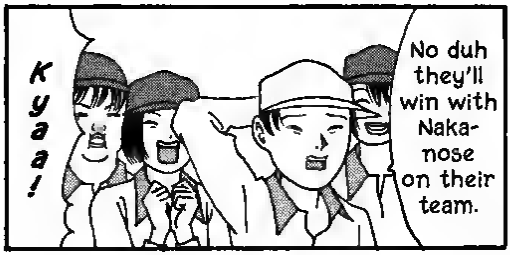


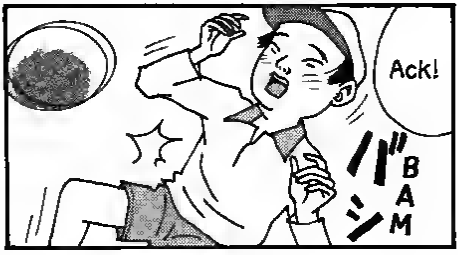

...it's 'cause they're doing *that*.
Of course...

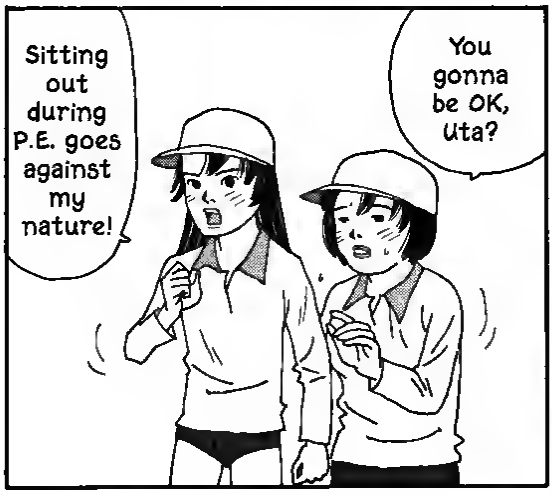
くすくすくす..
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE
...where do the storks come in?
Uh...
It's a bug!
...is this!
BAM
The *stork* your mother told you about...
女体
...soon enter the egg in the uterus...
The *insects* that have been released from the penis...
神秘
MYSTERY OF THE FEMALE BODY

Take this!




Kyaa!
No duh they'll win with Naka-nose on their team.


Ack!
バシ
BAM


Sitting out during P.E. goes against my nature!
You gonna be OK, Uta?

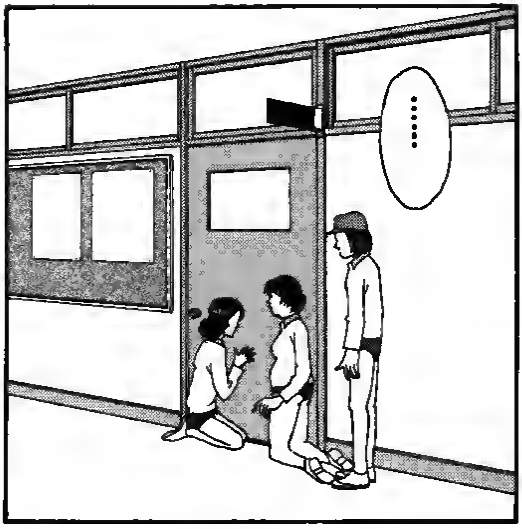
ムラムラ
EXCITED
'K! I'm goin' in!

WOOSH
ブォーン
Take this!
Here I go!
What're we gonna do?
She really pisses me off.
That Uta Naruse.
Uta Naruse's good!
U-

Whoops!
DROP
Michiko!
Heh heh.
Uh...
Ah!
Why'd you pass it to the enemy?
Hey!
MY STOMACH FEELS KINDA WEIRD...
HUH?
OK!
Hagiwara. The sky play.
OK.
Get Naruse!
Naka-nose!

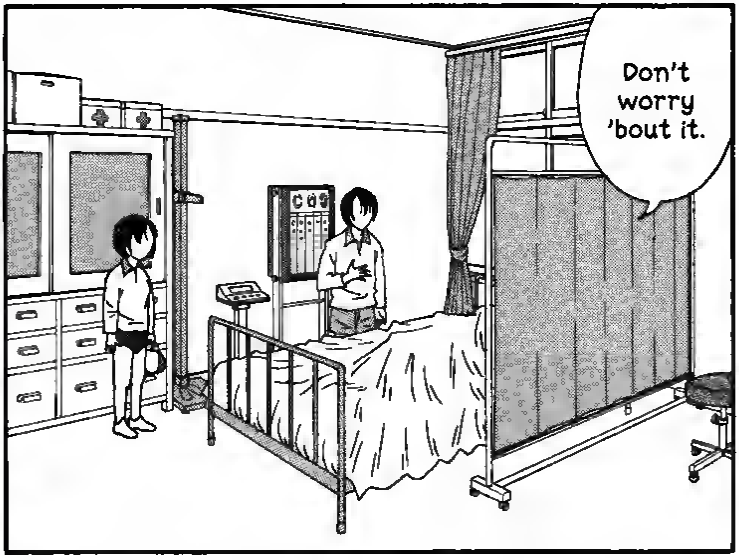
You ready?!
Take this, Uta Naruse!
Ah!
ドスッ
WHUMP
Take Naruse to the nurse's office!
Kyaaa!

Shhh!
Hear anything?



NURSE'S OFFICE

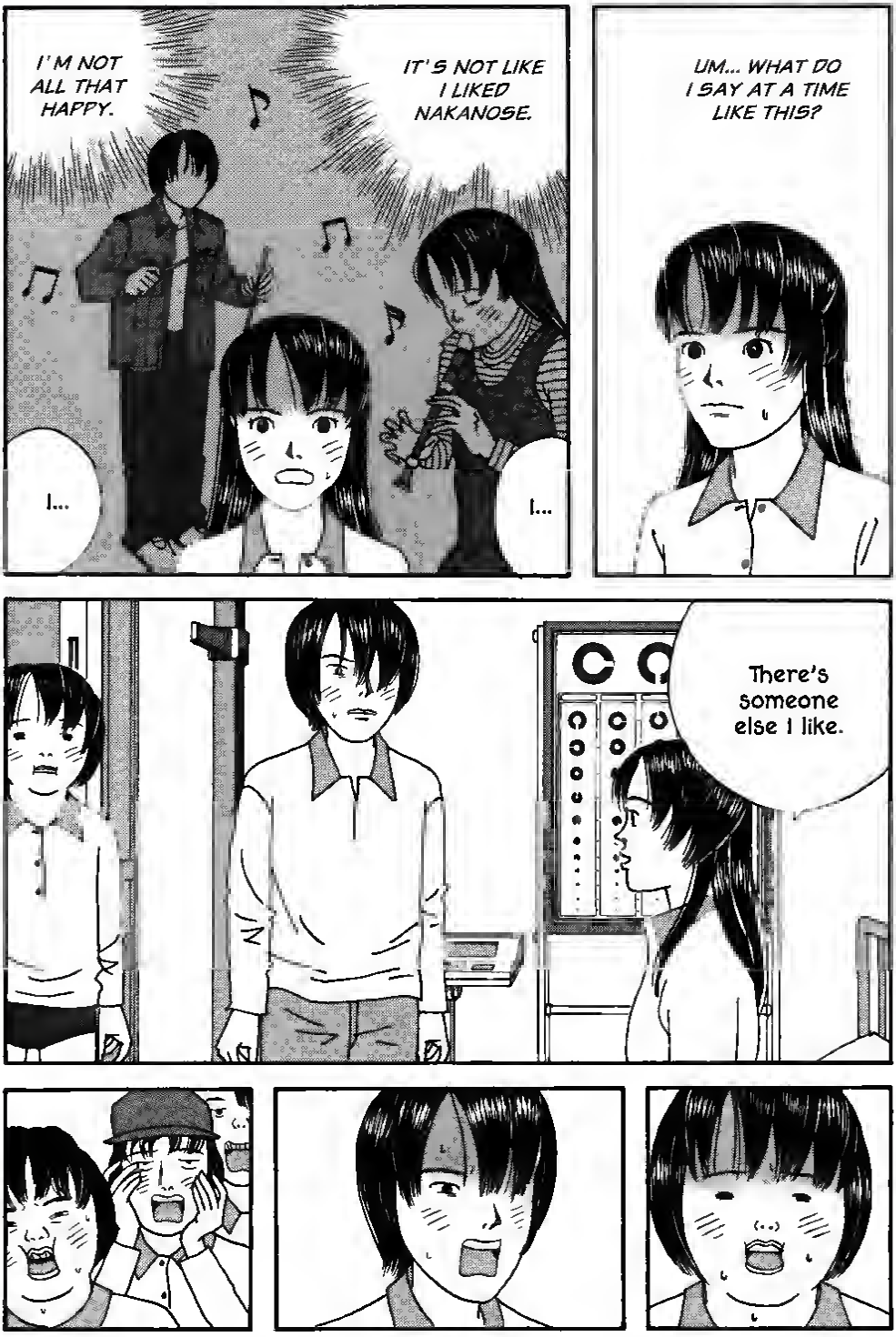
I'm just pissed off that I dropped the ball.

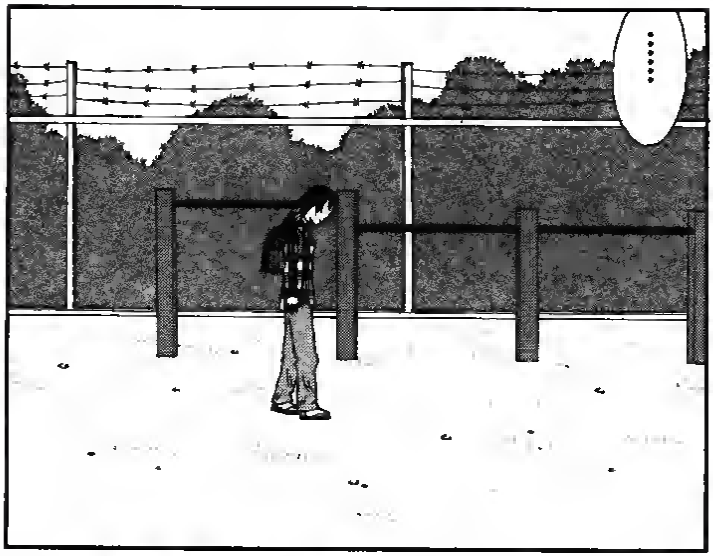

Don't worry 'bout it.

... always targeting Uta?!
Then, why're you...

I didn't know...
Sorry ...

Flipping her skirt...
Yanking down on her backpack...
Matsuko ...
Th-That's 'cause...
That's ...
Isn't that weird?
He said it!
...like you, Naruse.
I...
What?!


I'M NOT ALL THAT HAPPY.
IT'S NOT LIKE I LIKED NAKANOSE.
I...
I...
UM... WHAT DO I SAY AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
There's someone else I like.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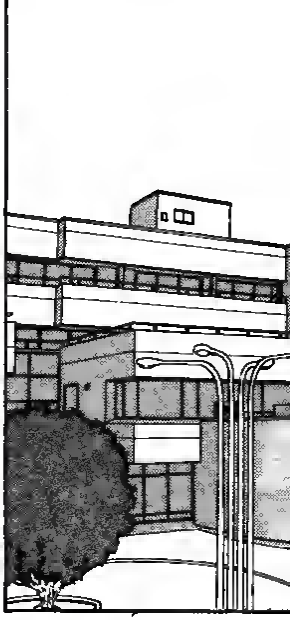
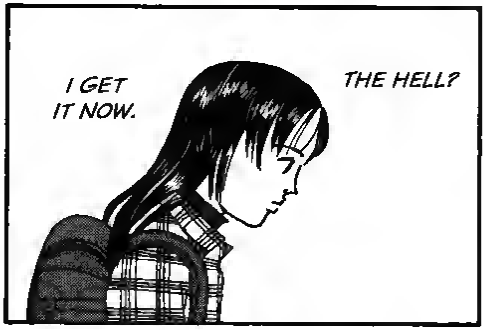


...WAO.
I LIKED...

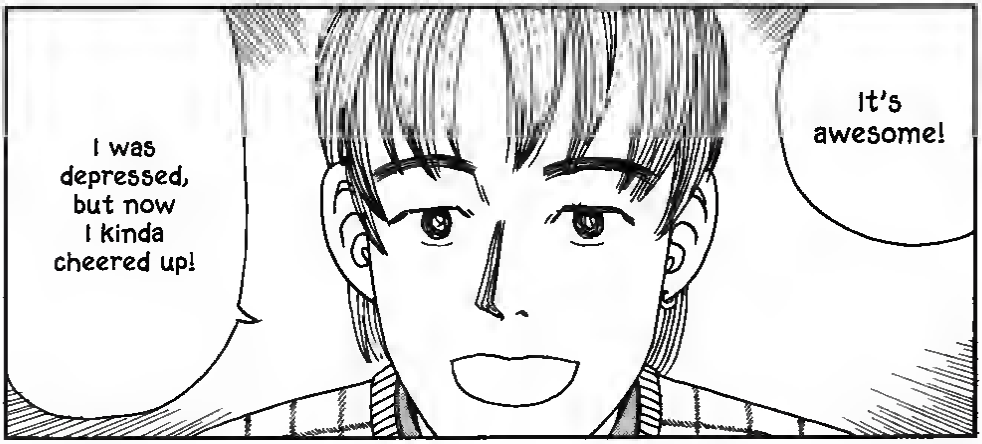

I GET IT NOW.
THE HELL?

ダッシュ
DASH

...I like Wao...
More than Nakanose...

KIKUNA GROCERY
Hey...
.....
What's that? Bayer?
I'm gonna play!
Move! Move!
SMILE

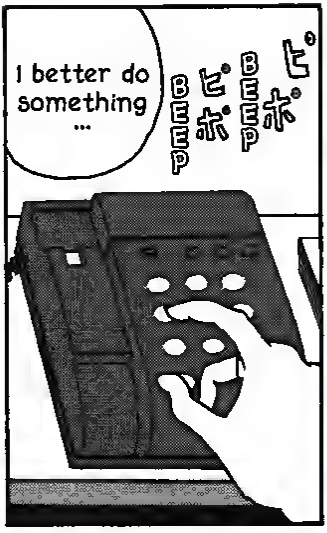
You...
Uta...
Huh?
Your sound changed.

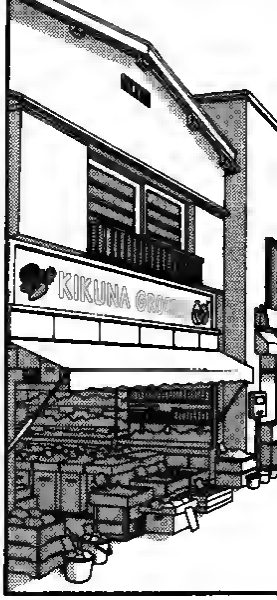


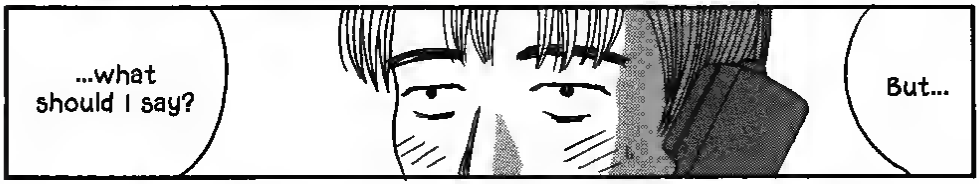
CHAPTER 20: THE ADULTHOOO SONG ○ THE END

Chapter 21 The Steel Heart Song

...to make my love life work out.


I better do something ...
BEEP ピポ
BEEP ピポ
BEEP ピポ


KIKUNA


...what should I say?
But...

Are you calling for Kozue? Please wait a moment.

Hello. Aihara speaking.
Ah! This is Kikuna!

Kikuna-kun?
ガチャ THEEHEM

ポリ SCRATCH ポリ SCRATCH

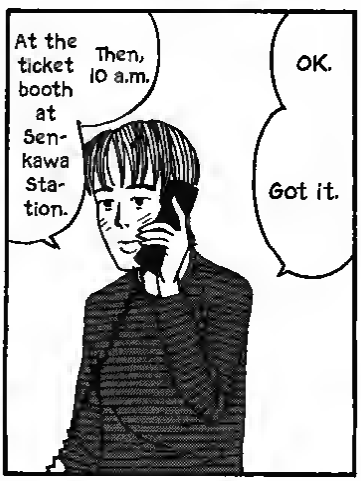
Sorry for leaving like that.
No, it was my fault for pushing you to listen to my piano playing.

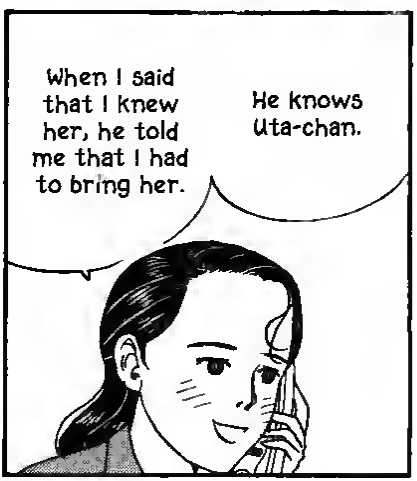
Sorry.
I was going to phone you.

Do you remember Sekigawa?
An upper-classman from Professor Ayagi's class.
He got into Eiko last year.
Yeah.

Actually, there's a festival going on at Eiko Music College tomorrow!
I was thinking about going, too!

KLAK


Got it.
OK.
Then, 10 a.m.
At the ticket booth at Sen-kawa Sta-tion.


He knows Uta-chan.
When I said that I knew her, he told me that I had to bring her.

STARE

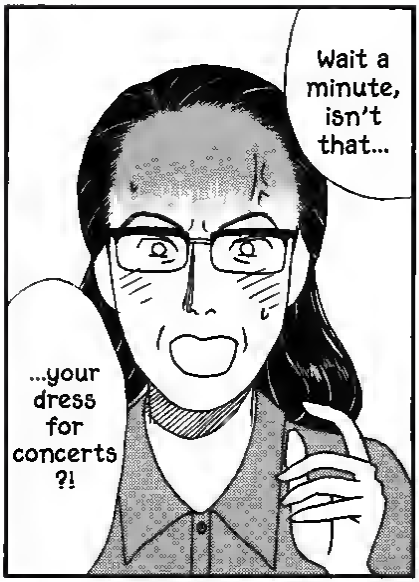
Yess!

There's gonna be a kid with us.
Wait.

SHOO SHOO

Heh heh heh heh.
TWIRL
TWIRL

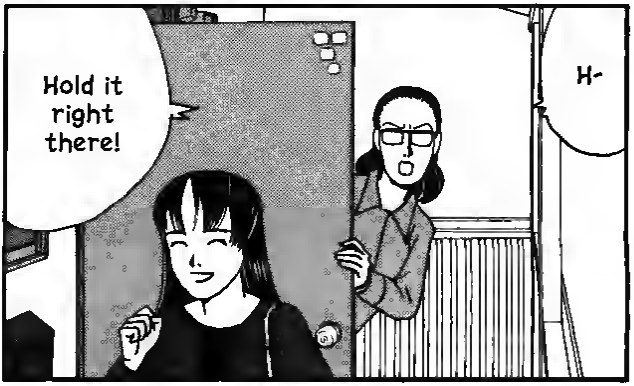
Why not?
...you're going out wearing that?
Don't tell me...

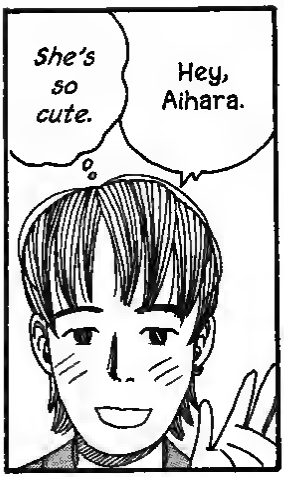

Wait a minute, isn't that...
...your dress for concerts ?!

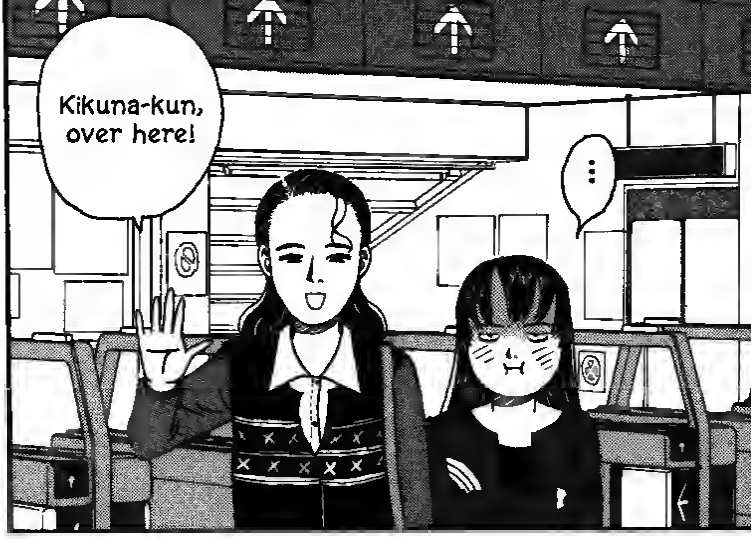
A date!
SMIRK

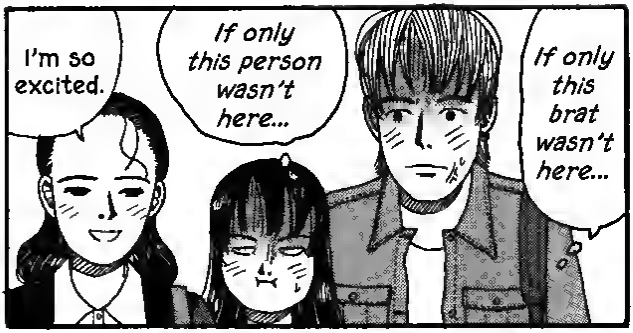
Huh?
Wh-Where are you going?

千川駅
SENKAWA STA


Hold it right there!
H-


She's so cute.
Hey, Aihara.


Kikuna-kun, over here!
...


I'm so excited.
If only this person wasn't here...
If only this brat wasn't here...

What're you pissed about?

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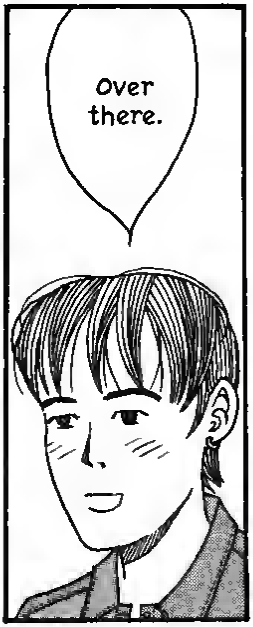
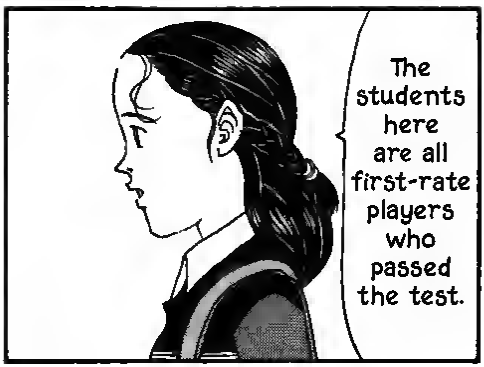
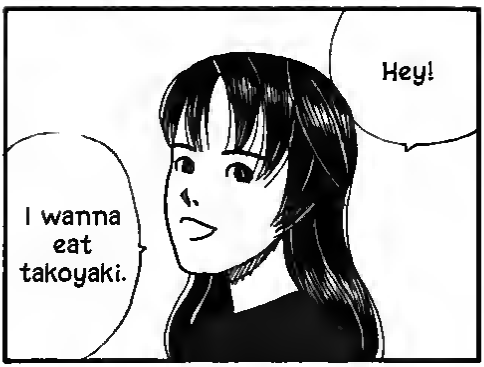

Over there.

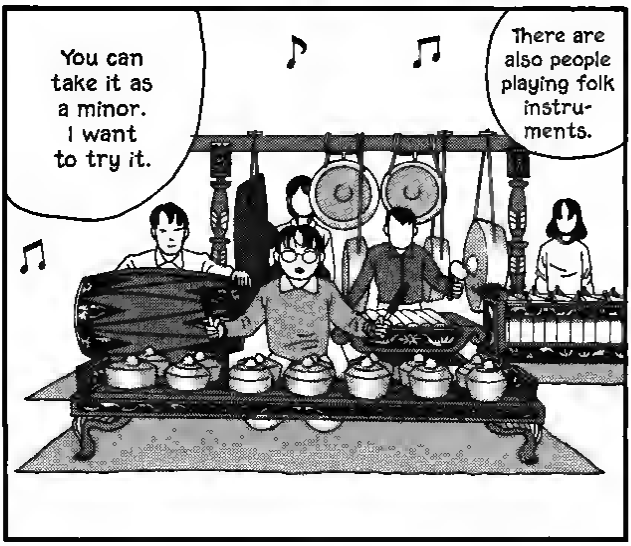
EIKO MUSIC COLLEGE
VISITOR RECEPTION
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
String Orchestra Performance from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.! Galneryus Diner
GALNERYUS DINER

Not just piano music.
Various sounds are gushing out like a flood.
That goes without saying.

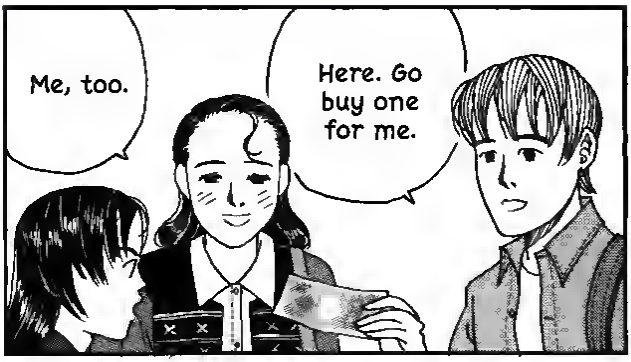

The students here are all first-rate players who passed the test.


Hey!
I wanna eat takoyaki.

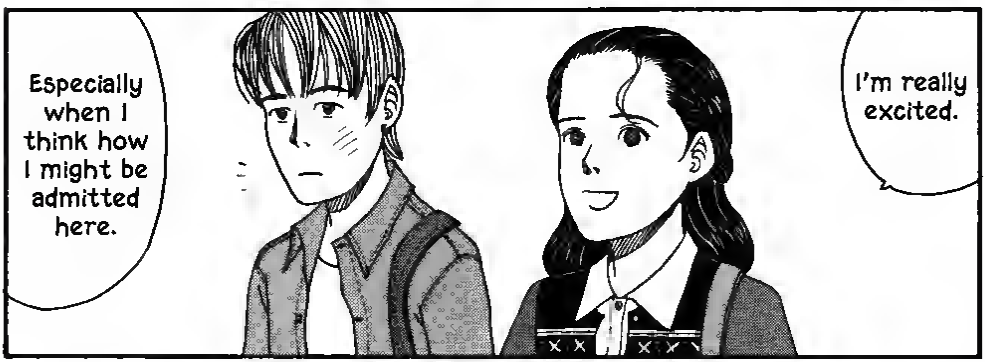
All right already!
Hey, Wao. Let's go eat some takoyaki!


You can take it as a minor. I want to try it.
There are also people playing folk instruments.

KANSAI
TAKOYAKI


Me, too.
Here. Go buy one for me.

Che!

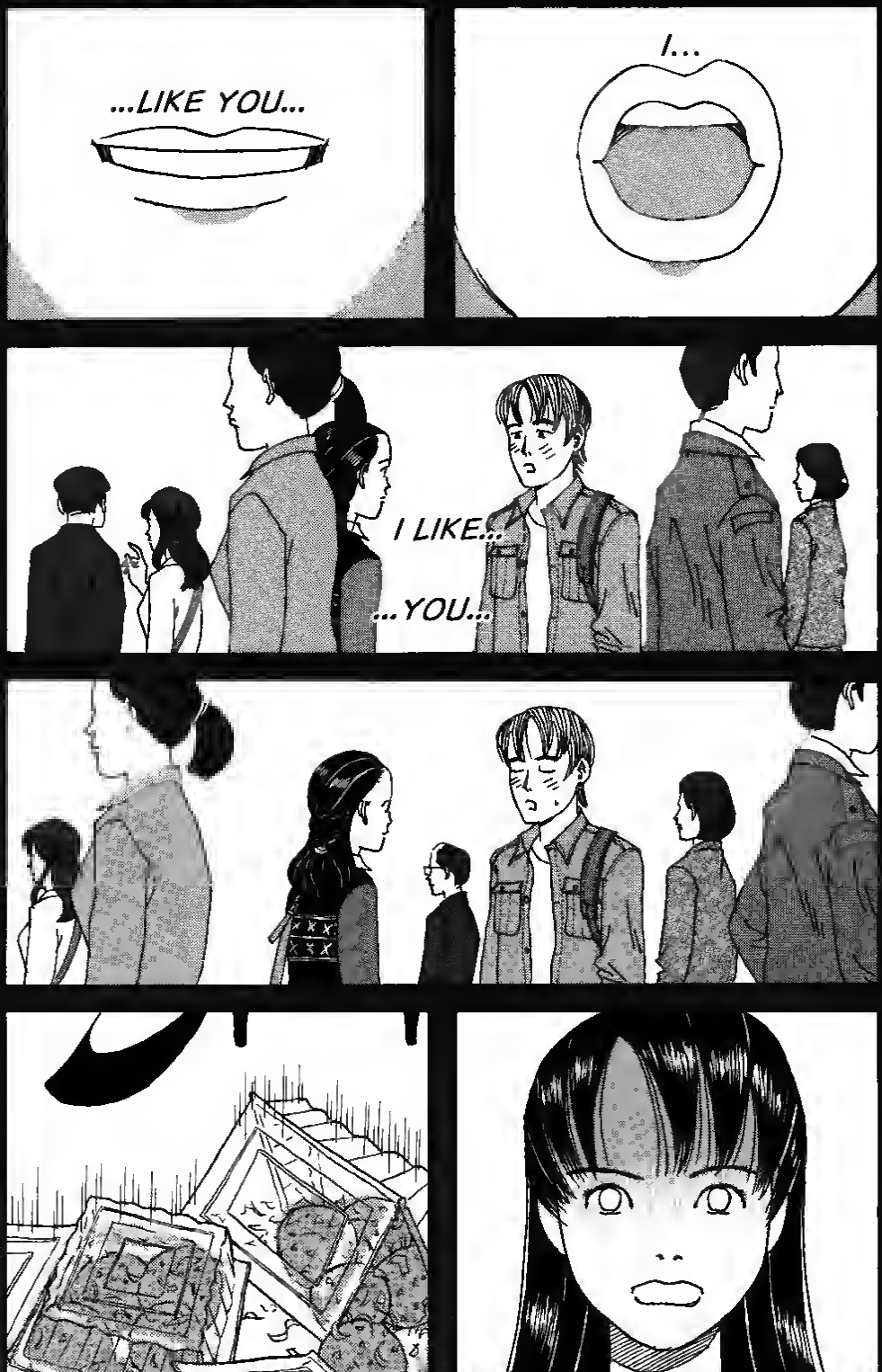

Especially when I think how I might be admitted here.
I'm really excited.

You've gotta think to yourself, "I'll get in."

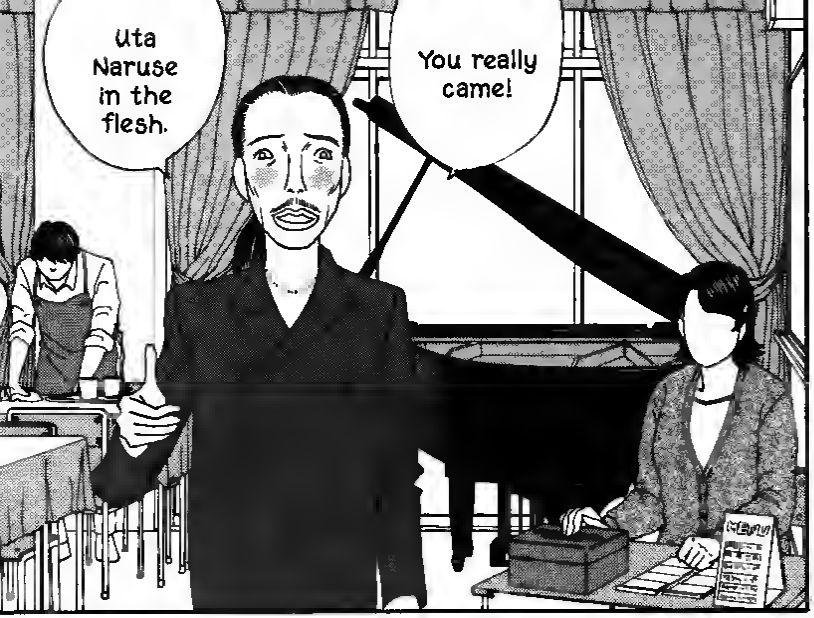
You will.
I wonder if I'll be admitted.

...I thought that you will be accepted.
Listening to your piano playing the other day...
Aihara...
I'm really narrow-minded, aren't I?
So I was shocked when I heard such a wonderful performance.
Somewhere in my heart, I felt a sense of superiority over you.
...and focused on them as I played. I think that's why I was able to play well.
I put all my feelings into it ...
That's not why I played.
I uh...
Hey! They're pipin' hot!

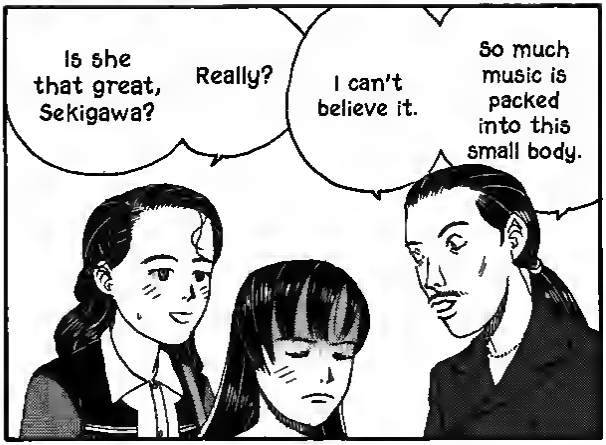
YOUR FEELINGS?
UM, I...
...ABOUT YOU, AIHARA...

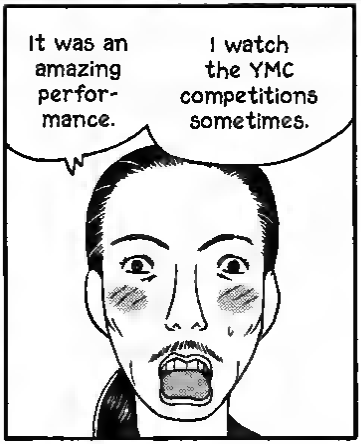

...LIKE YOU...
I...
I LIKE...
...YOU...

...?
Really?
I'm happy to hear that.
Uta-chan!
...you were able to play that way.
You're learning from Uta, so...
But even if you hide it, I understand.
I wasn't... really hiding it...
.....
Let me hear your playing, too.
Please ?
That was supposed to be a confession...
There's someone who wants to meet you.


Uta Naruse in the flesh.
You really came!

MUSIC CLASSICS CAFE
RAN
IN RANCE
WELCOME!
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO STOP BY

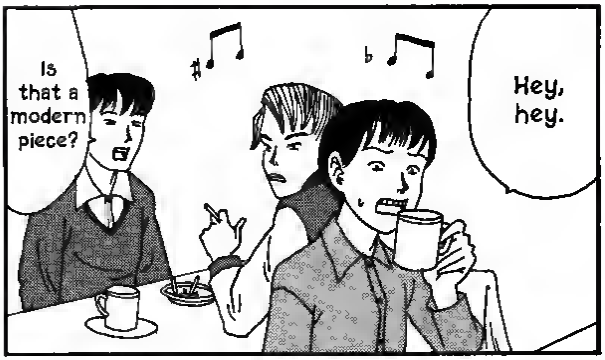

Is she that great, Sekigawa?
Really?
I can't believe it.
So much music is packed into this small body.


It was an amazing performance.
I watch the YMC competitions sometimes.

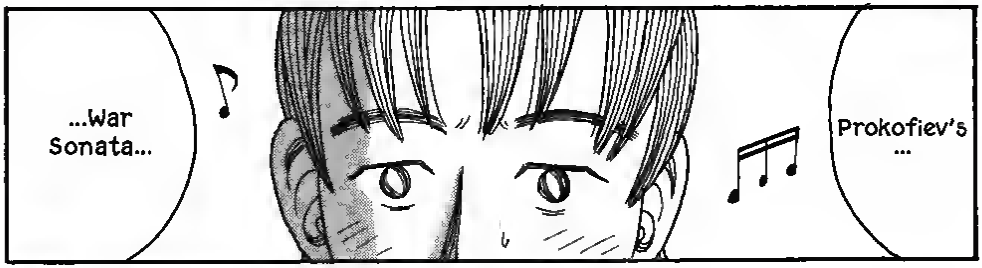
Let them hear you play, Uta.
What're you sulking about?
It's a music classics cafe, so play something simple.

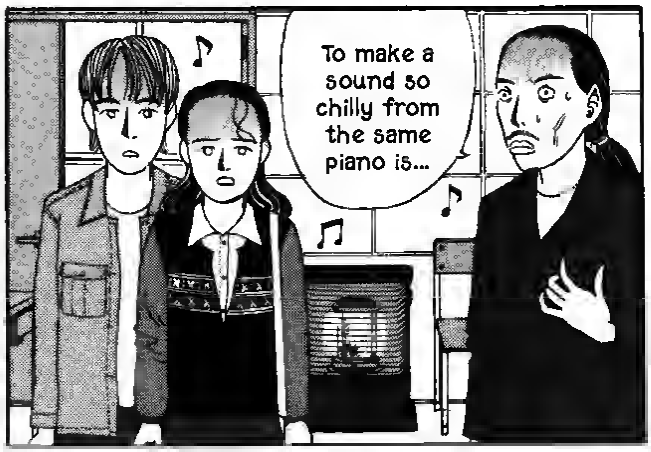
I want to hear! I want to hear!

What're you gonna play for us?
Yeah, little girl!
Tweet


Is that a modern piece?
Hey, hey.

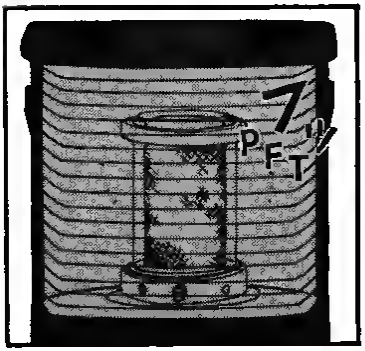
That's ...
Th-


...War Sonata...
Prokofiev's ...


To make a sound so chilly from the same piano is...

I was just playing Johann Strauss' waltz on that piano.

... cold...
This place is somehow...


PFT

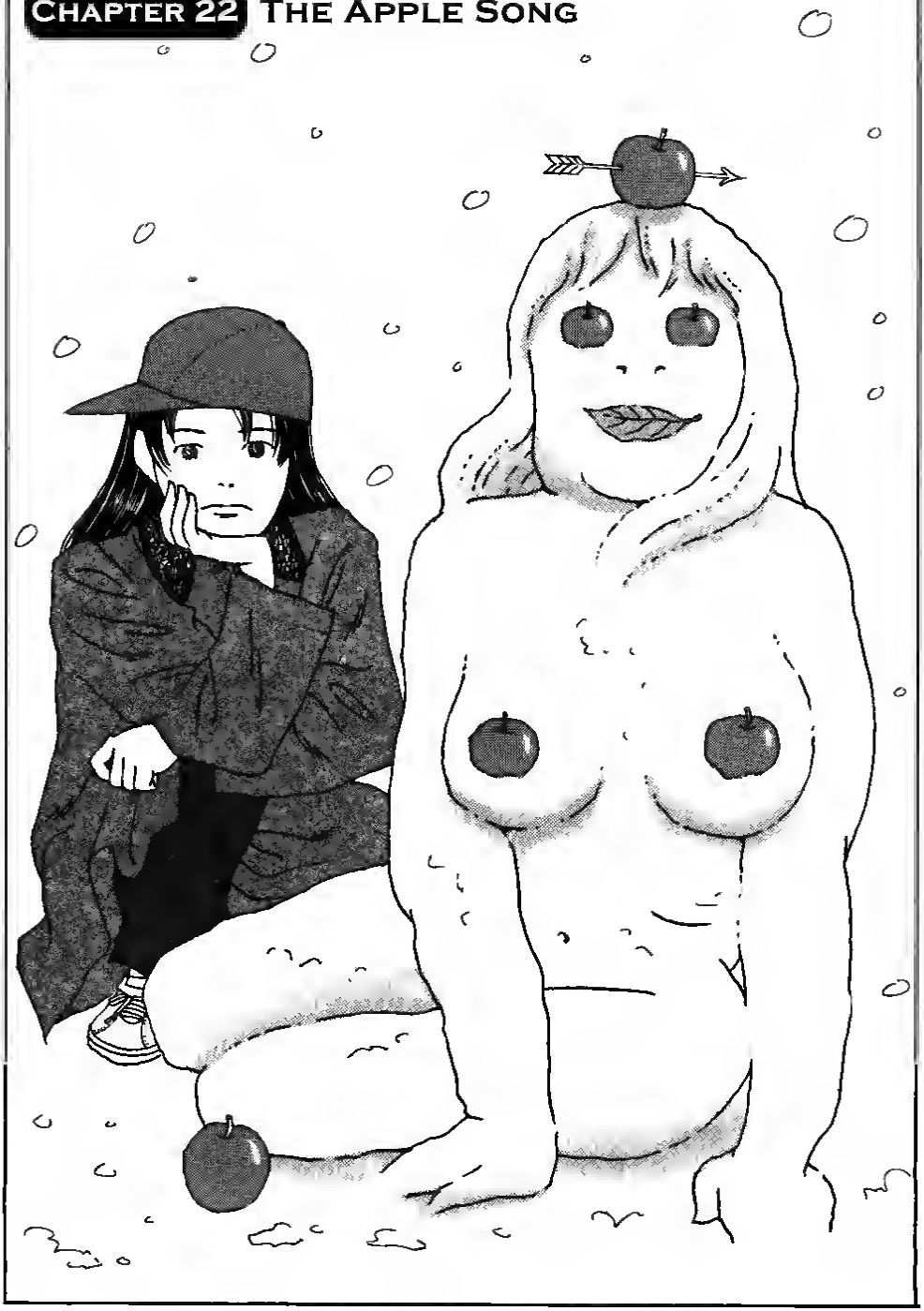
ダァン
DAAN
GAAN
ガァン
The Steel Step ...

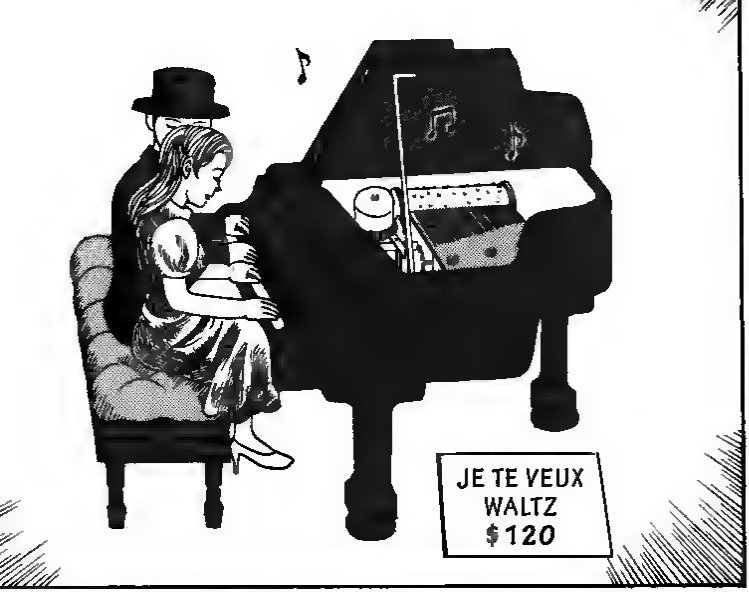
ガシャーン
GASHAAN

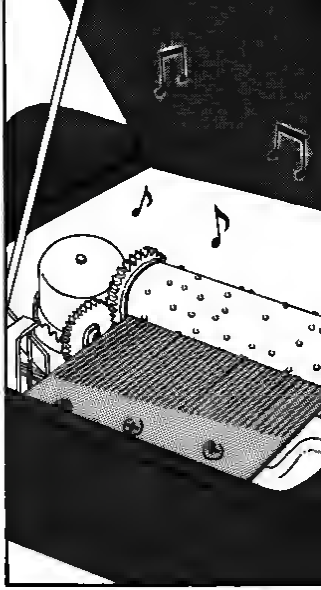
IT BROKE...

THE STRING BROKE...

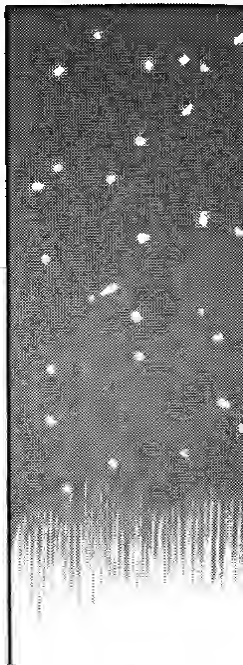
Chapter 22 The Apple Song




JE TE VEUX
WALTZ
$120



This one!



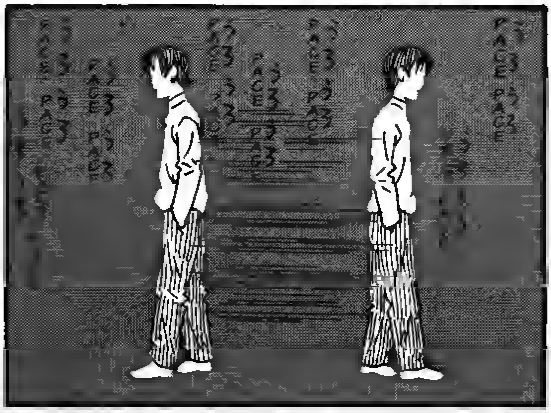
May I please speak to Kozue?

Hello, this is Kikuna.

KIKUNA GROCERY

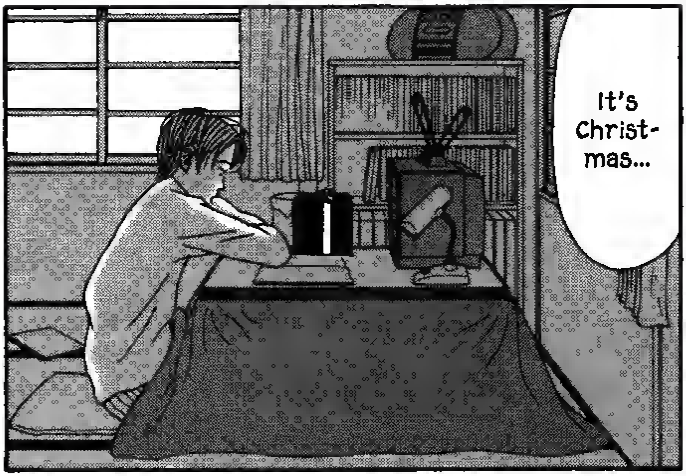
Man...
ゴッ BONK
ゴッ BONK

Could you please tell her to give me a call when she gets back?
I see.



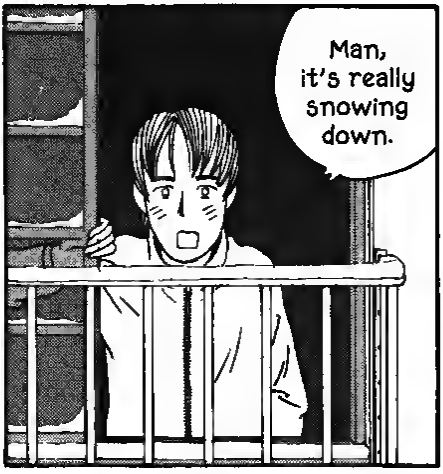
You've been kind of strange lately.
Hmm...
Kikuna!
Ah!
You haven't even played the piano, right? As your mother, I'm worried.
He's got nothing to do with this!
That guy did something strange to you, didn't he?!
Leave me alone.

Christ-mas...
FWIP
むくっ
...why are we unhappy ...?
Ahh... Even though Christmas has arrived in the world...
プチッ
SNIP
GWARR
SNIZZ SNIZZ


It's Christ-mas...

KIKUNA GROCERY

You've been home the whole time, right?
Hey. No calls?


Man, it's really snowing down.

Wonder if she went on a family trip.
RIIING
IL IL IL...

RIIING
IL IL IL...
RIIING
IL IL IL...
RIIING

Hmm...

I'm going out for a bit. Watch the phone!

Oh, man. I forgot the card.

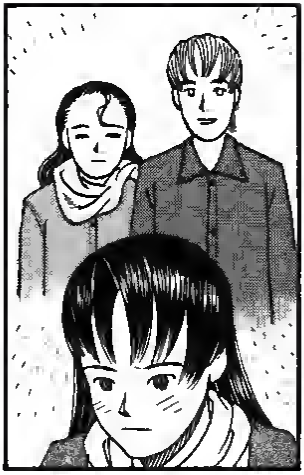
KIKUNA GROCERY

KIKUNA GROCERY

He went out.
Where's Wao?

It's been a while.
KIKUNA

I'm goin' home.
It's OK.
Go on up and play the piano.
KIKUNA



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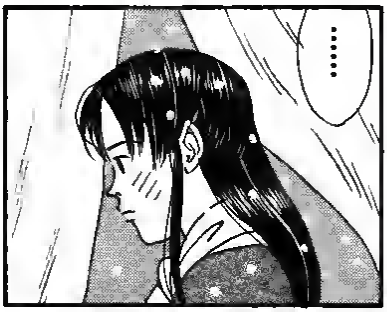
SHUFF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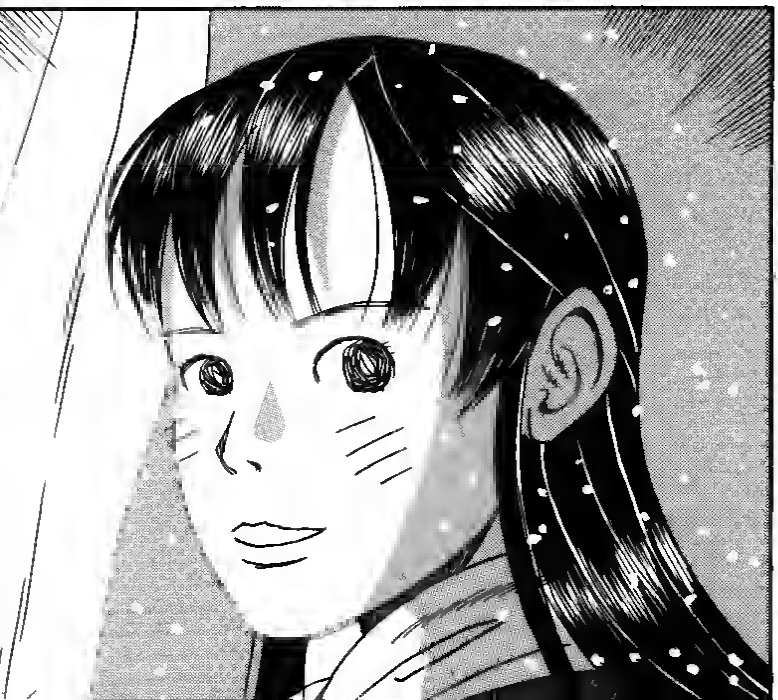

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SHUFF
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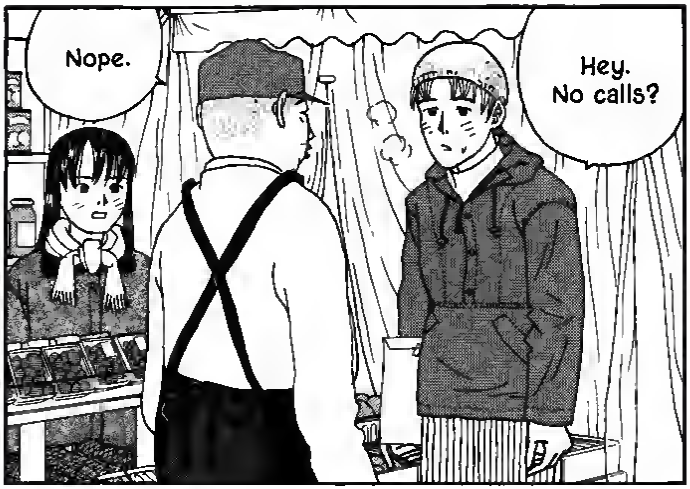
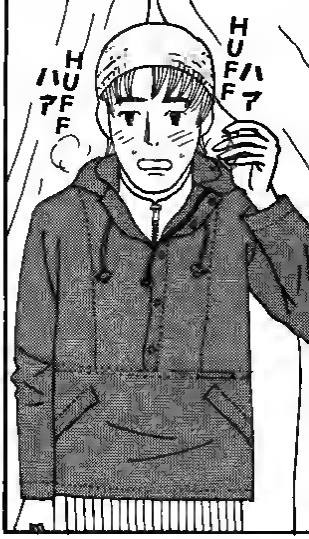
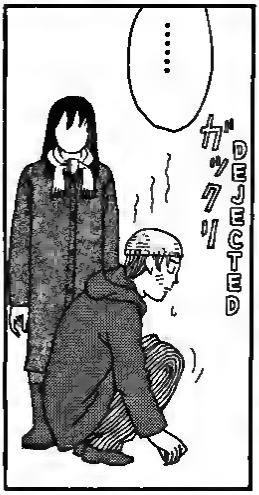

Nope.
Hey. No calls?


HUFF ハア
HUFF ハア

This is Kikuna!
H-Hello?!

!
RI-I-I-NG
リ リ リ
リ リ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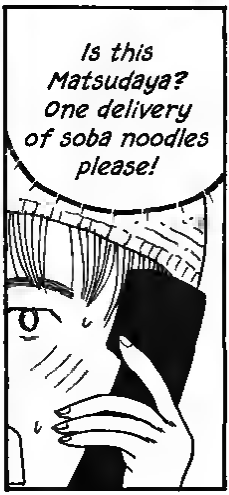
ガックリ!
DEJECTED

ガチャ KLAK
You've got the wrong number!


Is this Matsudaya? One delivery of soba noodles please!

I was worried since you didn't come to play the piano!
What happened to you?
!
What's that you're holding?
くるくる TURN
That's none of your business.
I thought you wouldn't be getting any Christmas presents, so I brought it.
A what?
It's a *rain stick* that I made at school.

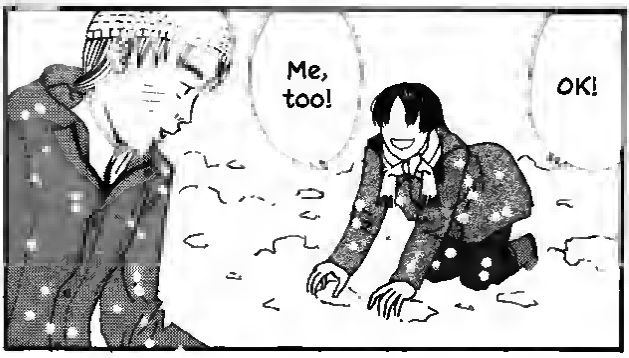
It's the sound of water.
SWISH
SWISH
SWISH
SWISH
SWISH
Huh?
I like it.
Hmm...
Heh heh. It's a secret!
What's inside?
How does it work?
Whoops.
スニーズ
AOMORI

Whoa.
ズ'SLIP
ルIP

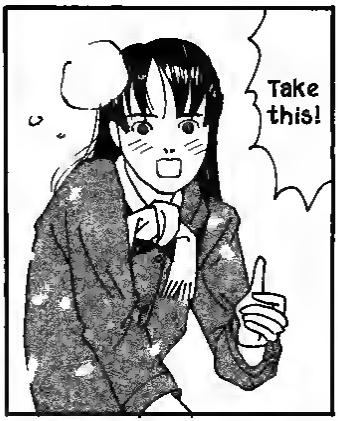
How embar-rassing.
Ahhh.

Laugh at this!

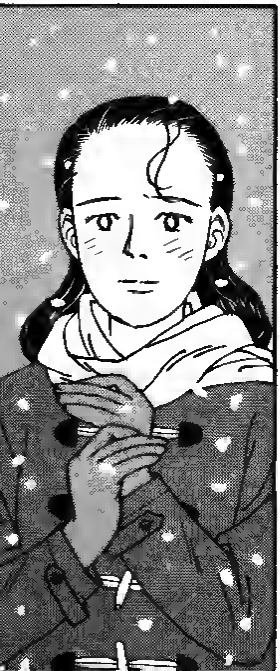
Dammit.
Aha ha ha!

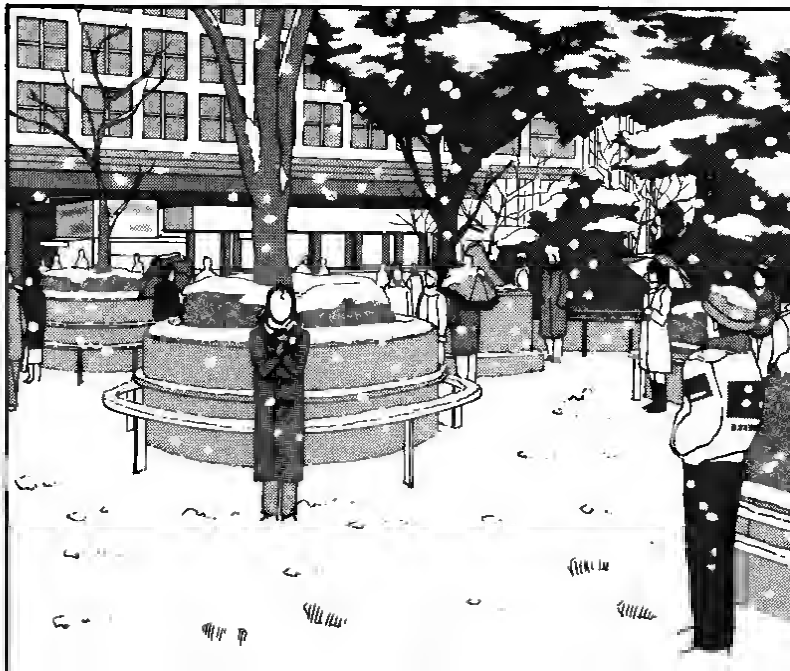

Me, too!
OK!

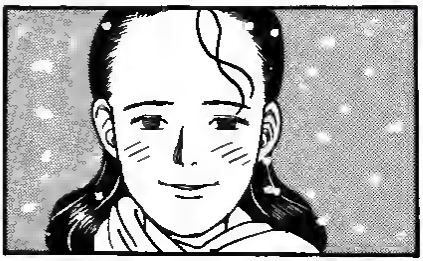
Wah!


Take this!

Like I'll lose!

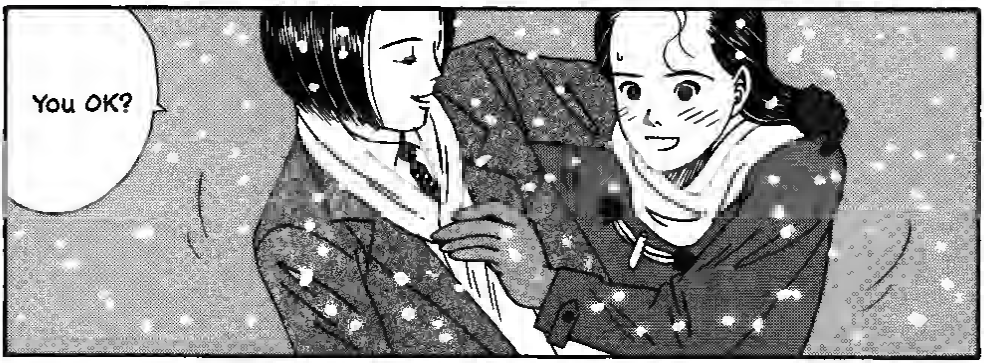


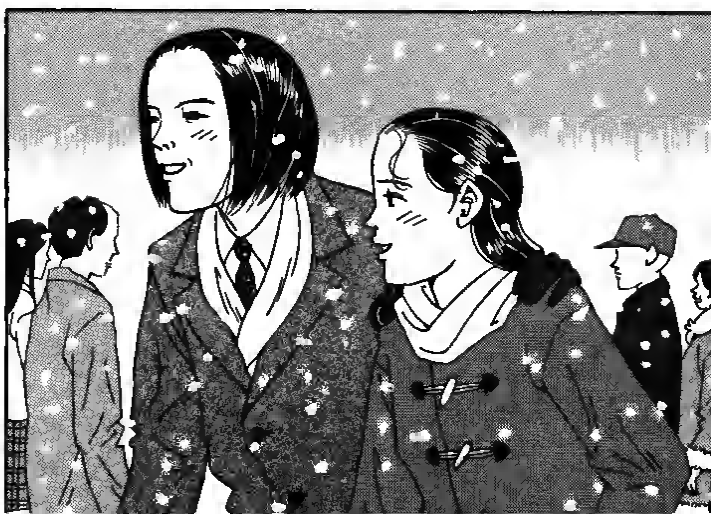




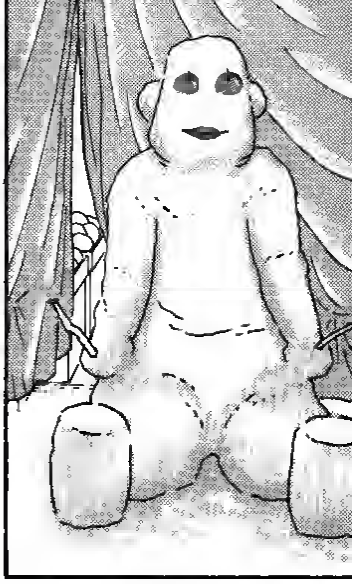
Eek!
ズルSLIP

The subway got delayed because of the snow.
Sorry, sorry.


You OK?



Huh?
So, what'd you come here for?



This one's sweet.
Yup.
TAP-

Those are no good.
Ahh...
I came to buy fruit. Apples!
KIKUN

That one's no good!
Stupid!
Wao must've got his ears from his dad.
KIKUN

You can tell from the sound? Is this one good?

Here.
Your Christmas present.
OK. This one's good.
コンコン
Mine's better!
Mine's good!
Thanks.

Oh, nice sound.
サクッ
CRUNCH
Pop's apple's gotta be good.
Heh heh...
Really yummy!
Yummy!
Wonder how Wao's tastes.
シャリッ
CRUNCH

キュ
RUB
……
IT'S GOT WAO'S SOUND.